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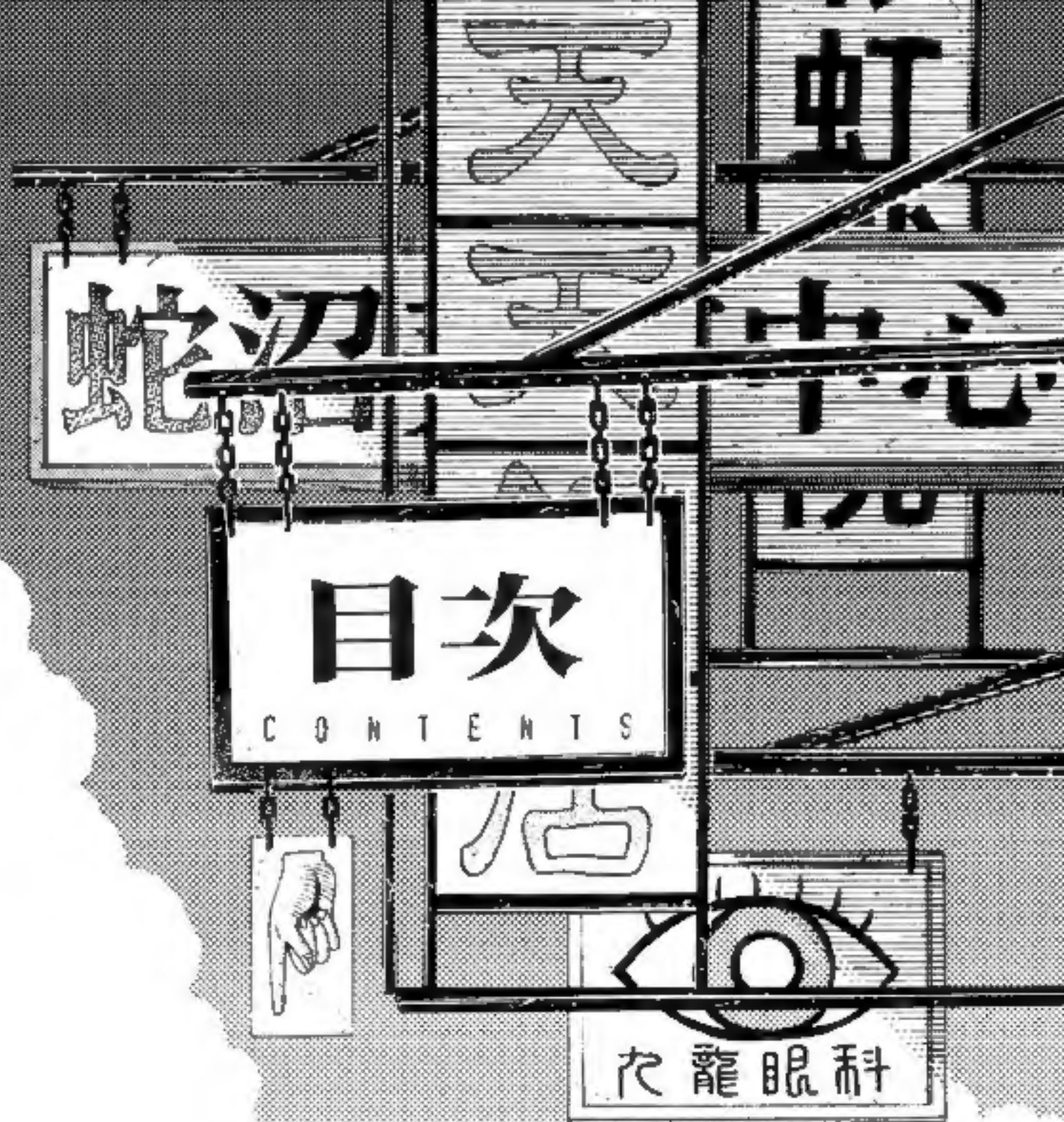
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KOUDON

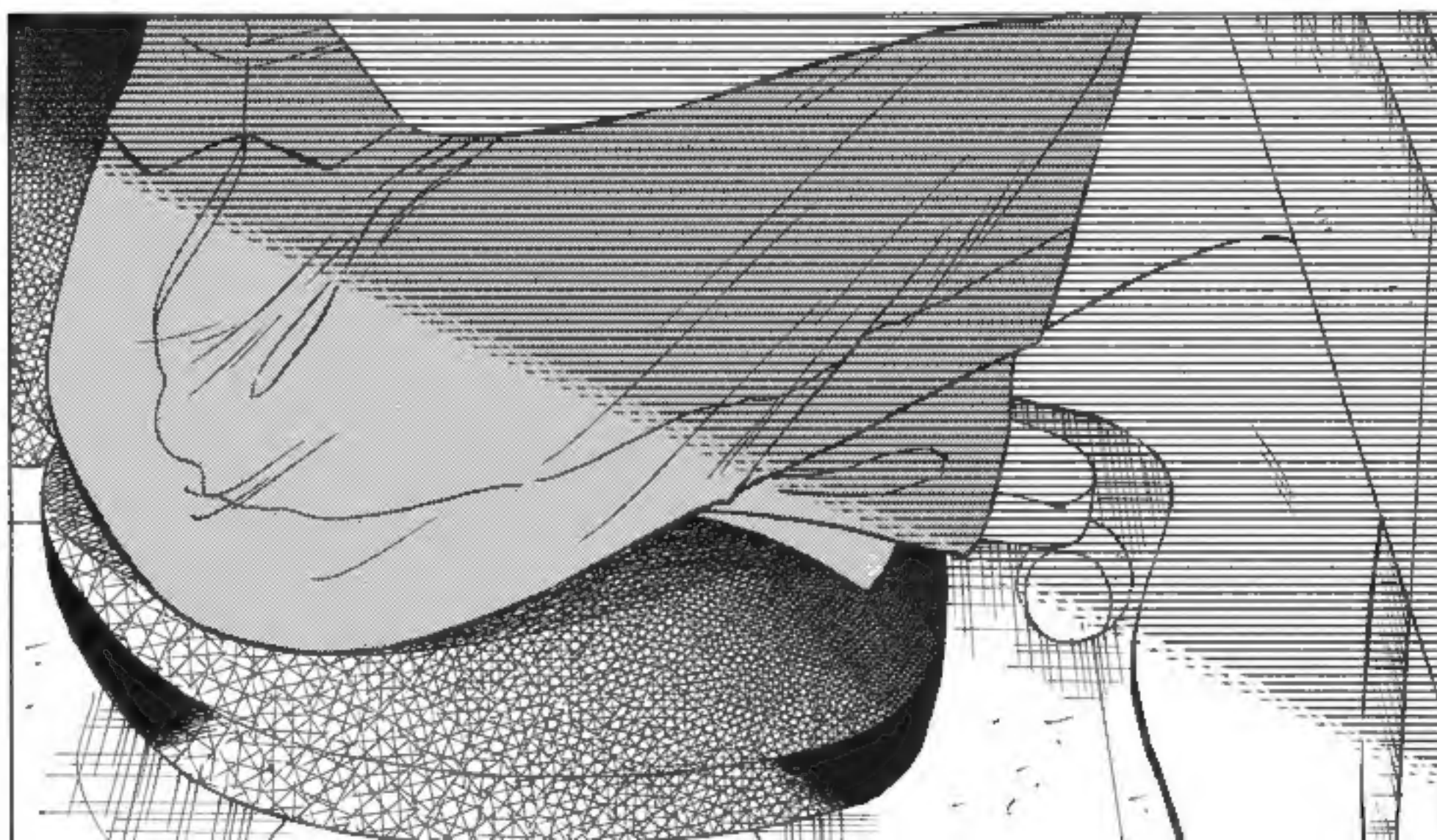
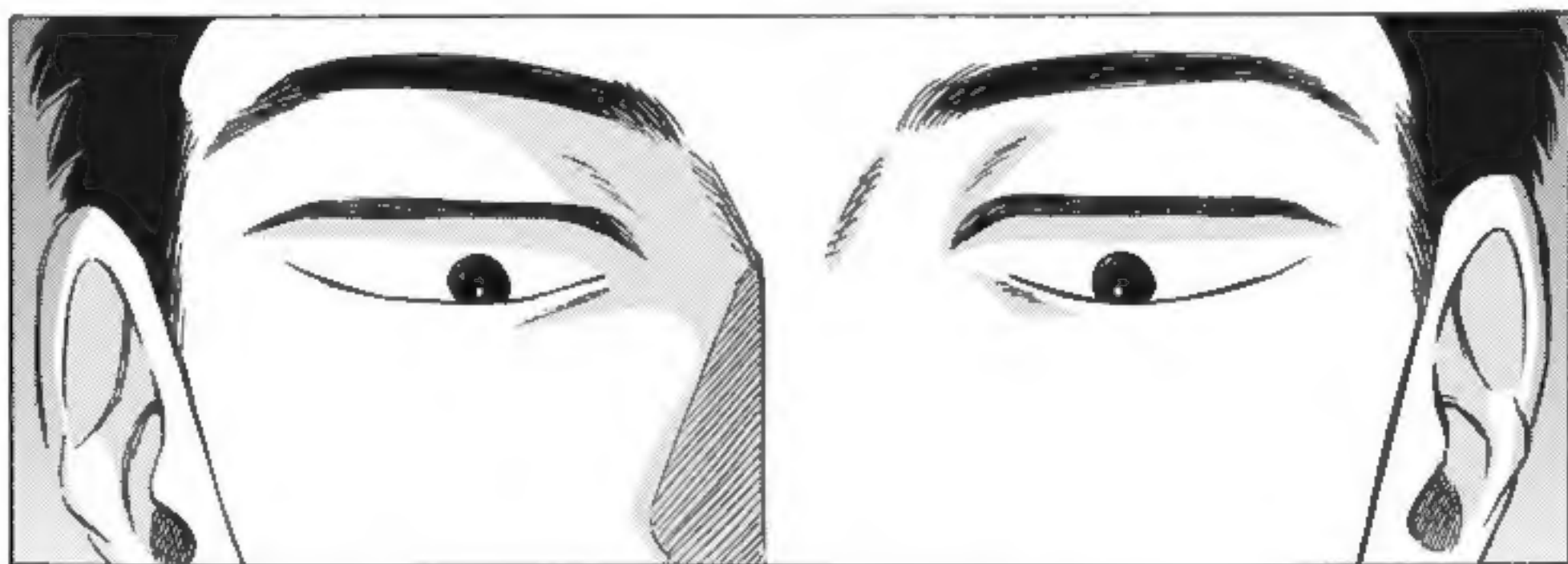
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**REIKO
KUJIRAI.
GOOD
TO MEET
YOU...**

...KUDOH.



THAT'S
A GOOD
NAME.

HAJIME
KUDOU...

THIRTY,
MA'AM!

IT'S MY
PLEASURE
TO MAKE
YOUR
ACQUAIN-
TANCE!

HALF PAST
ELEVEN—HMM...
THEY'LL STILL
BE AT IT.

TWO
YEARS
YOUNGER
THAN ME,
THEN.

SO MUCH
ENERGY.
HOW OLD
ARE YOU?



JUST BE
BACK BY
THE END
OF OFFICE
HOURS. I'LL
BE TAKING
OFF RIGHT
AT CLOSE.

SURE
THING!

MR. LEE, IS IT
ALL RIGHT IF
WE STEP OUT
SO I CAN SHOW
KUDOU AROUND
KOWLOON?



SPEAKING
OF,
THERE'S
ONE MORE
THING...

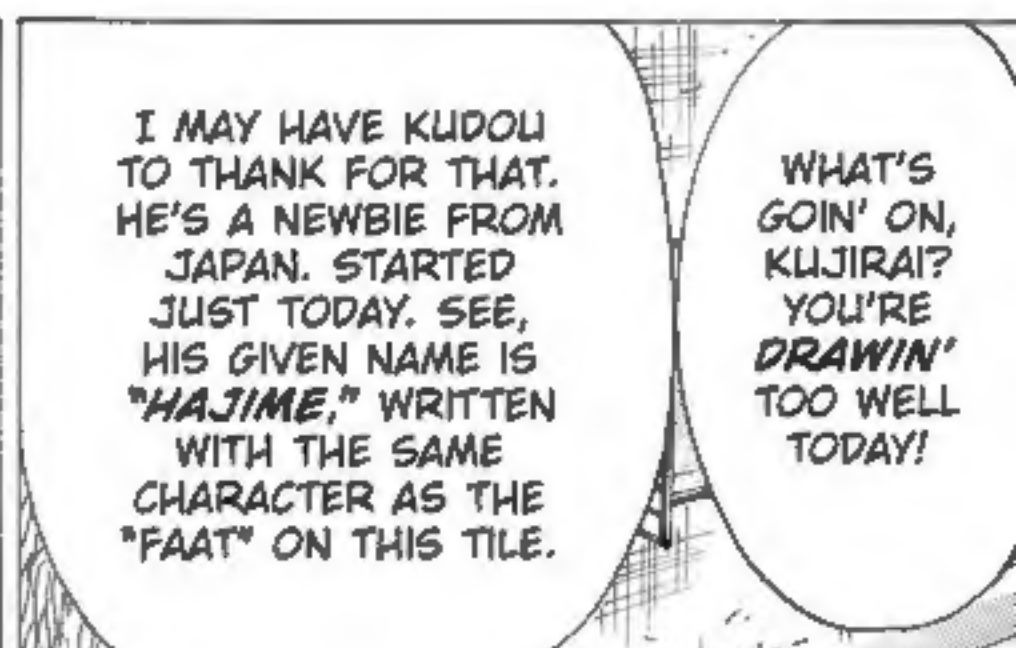
IT'S
BECAUSE THE
PRONUNCIATION
OF "EIGHT" IN
CANTONESE
IS SIMILAR TO
THE "FAAT"
IN "FAAT COI,"
WHICH
MEANS, "TO
GET RICH."

EIGHT IS A
LUCKY NUMBER
IN JAPAN,
RIGHT? IT'S
ACTUALLY THE
SAME HERE IN
HONG KONG.

HUH,
IS THAT
RIGHT?



TILE: FAAT/HATSU



TINTIN EATERY

天天飲食

I'D SAY MAHJONG IS ONE OF MY SECRETS TO SURVIVAL IN KOWLOON.

THEY PLAY MAHJONG IN THAT PLAZA EVERY DAY AFTER THEIR MORNING TAI CHI.

...AND TO BECOME MORE AWARE OF THE RESIDENTS' CONCERNS.

IT'S A CHANCE TO LISTEN TO THE LAZY OLD MEN...

SIGN: STIR-FRIED TOMATO AND SCRAMBLED EGGS, ROAST PORK WITH HONEY, HOT AND SOUR EGGPLANT, TOFU WITH CENTURY EGG

BY THE WAY, THERE ARE ONLY TWO ELEVATORS IN KOWLOON. PREPARE YOURSELF FOR STAIRS.

WHAT!?

AFTER THIS, WE'LL DO A CIRCUIT OF THE AREA OUR COMPANY HANDLES. COMMIT THE ROUTES TO MEMORY.

ALSO ...

HERE YOU AAARE! ENJOY!

LEARNING THE SHORTCUTS IS ANOTHER ESSENTIAL PART OF LIVING HERE.

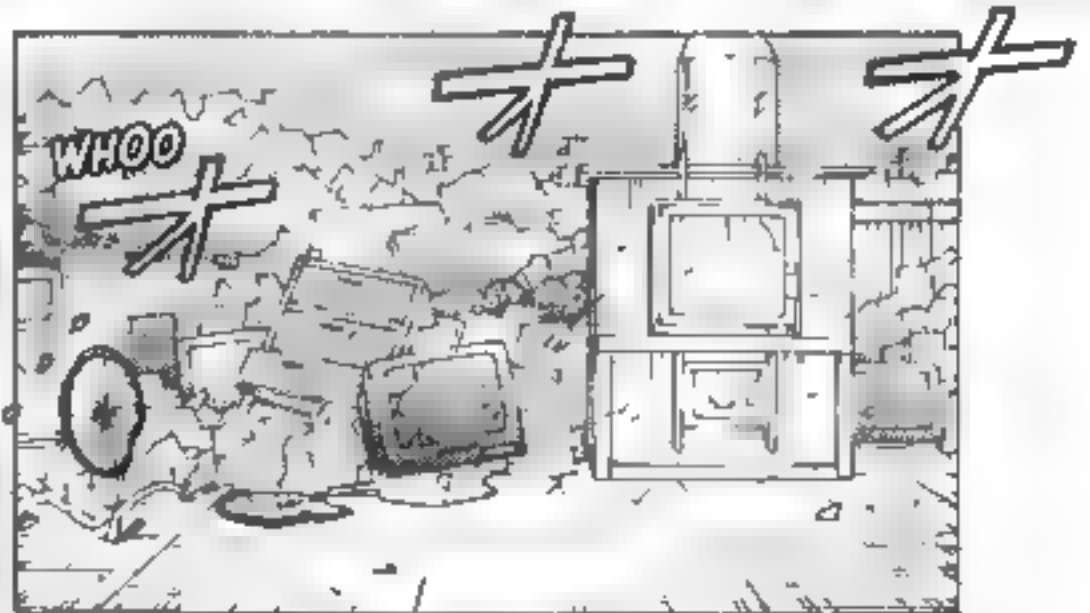


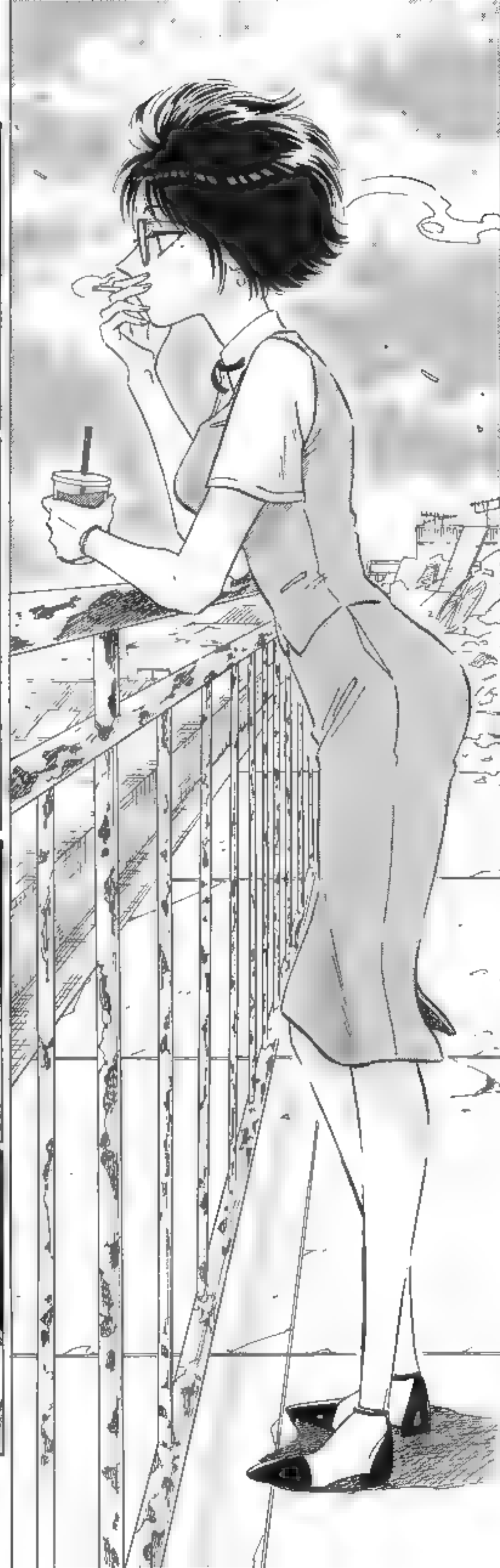


SIGNS: FRESH JUICE, KOWLOON DIMSUM, RESTAURANT, NOODLES, IN FRONT OF POST OFFICE, FRIED SHALLOT RICE CAKES, GOOD LUCK

SIGNS: DOUBLE HAPPINESS











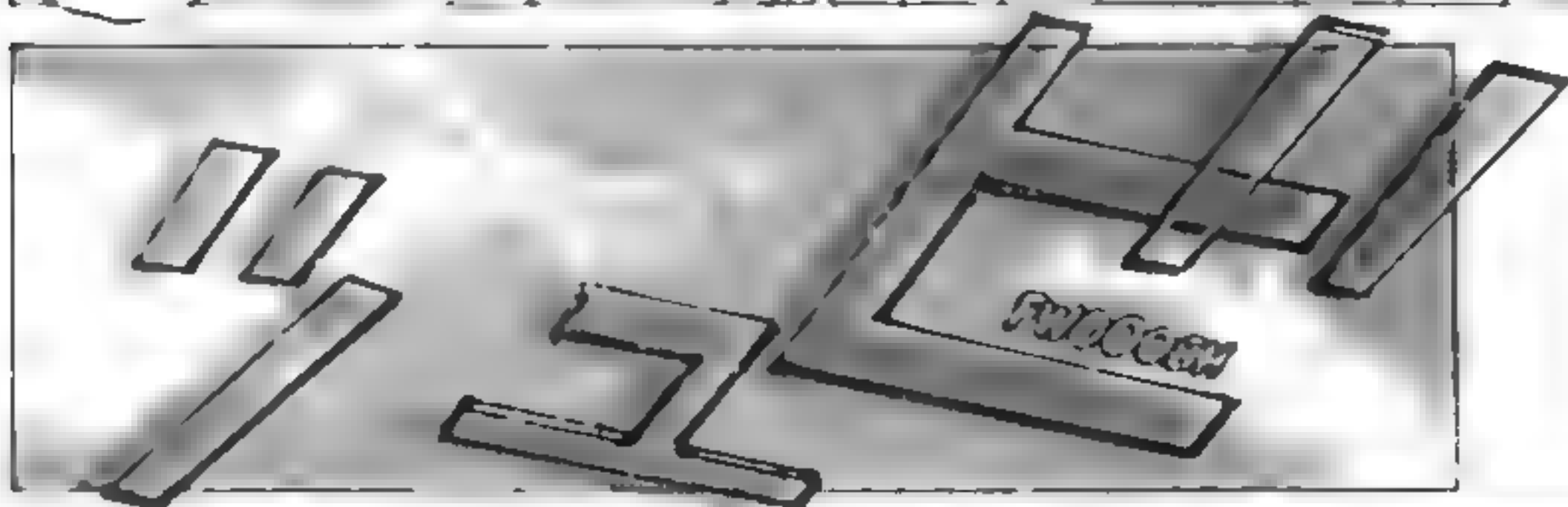


A black and white manga-style illustration of two characters. On the left, a character with spiky dark hair is shown in profile, looking towards the right. On the right, another character with dark hair is shown from the back, looking towards the left. They are standing in front of a background of stylized, misty clouds.

I THINK THIS
NOSTALGIA...

IT
ALL MAKES
KOWLOON
INEXPLICABLY,
IRRESISTIBLY
NOSTALGIC.

...IS THE
SAME AS
LOVE.



**...IN
LOVE
WITH
KOW-
LOON.**

I'M...







MM-
HMM.

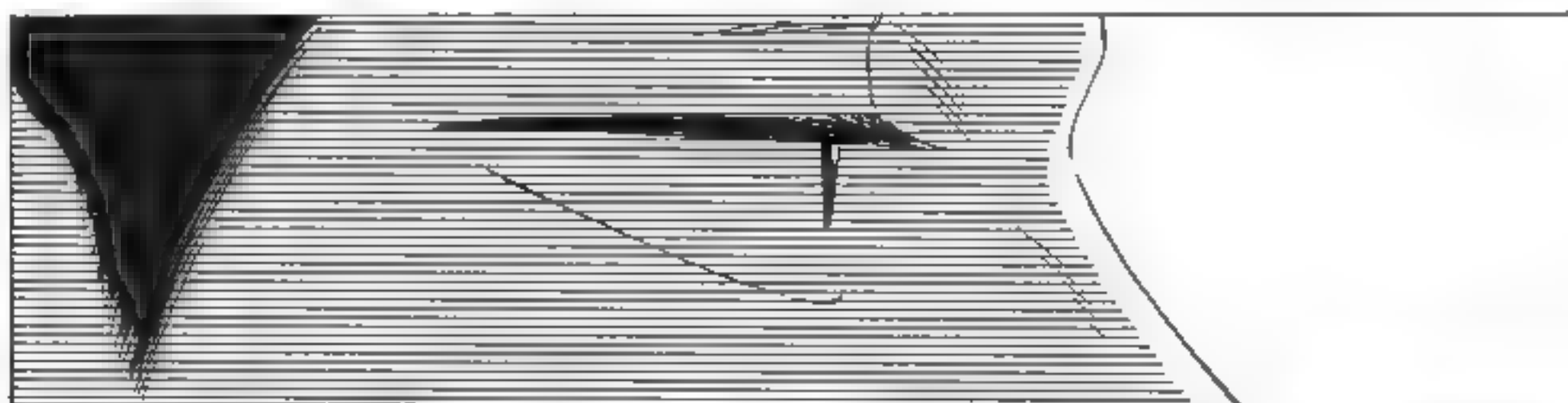
I-I SEE...
LOVE FOR
KOWLOON,
YOU MEAN...



MMM...
WELL,
THEY'VE
BEEN
SAYING
THAT FOR
YEARS.



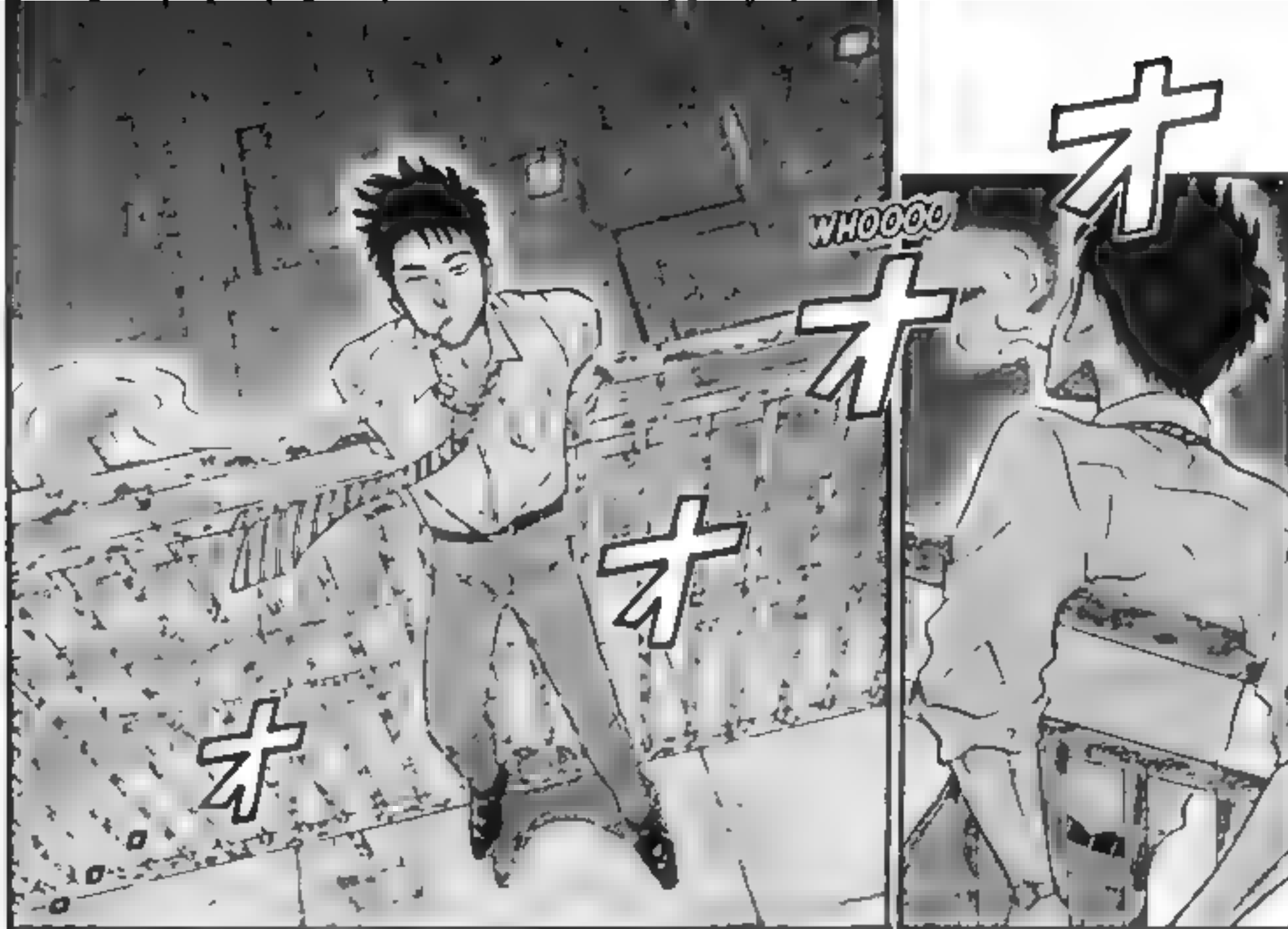
I HEARD
KOWLOON IS
SCHEDULED
TO BE
DEMOLISHED,
THOUGH.



IF IT'S
GONNA BE
GONE ONE
DAY...

...WON'T
FALLING IN
LOVE BE
HARD TO
BEAR?

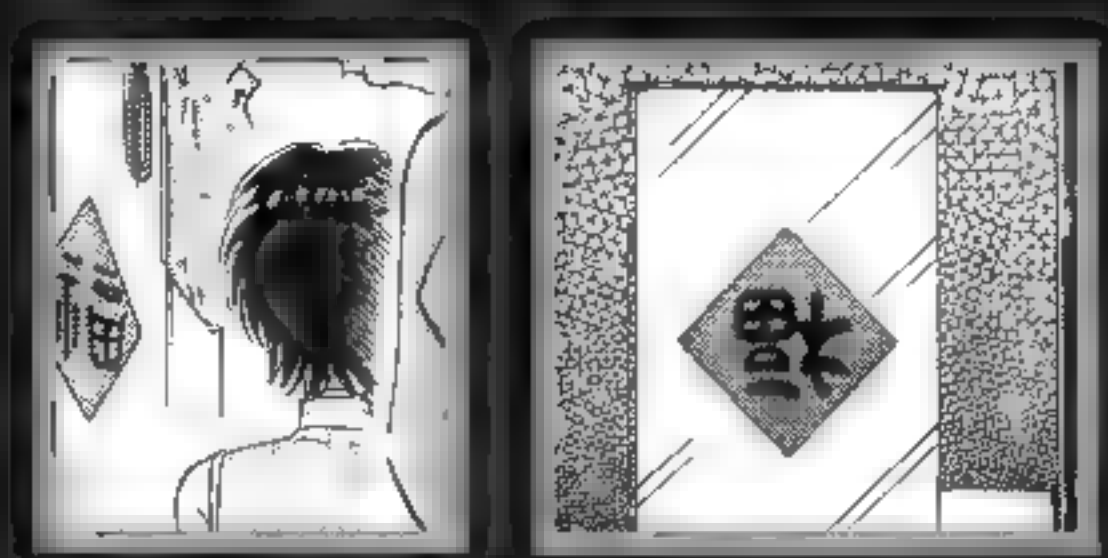




HOW GENTLE...

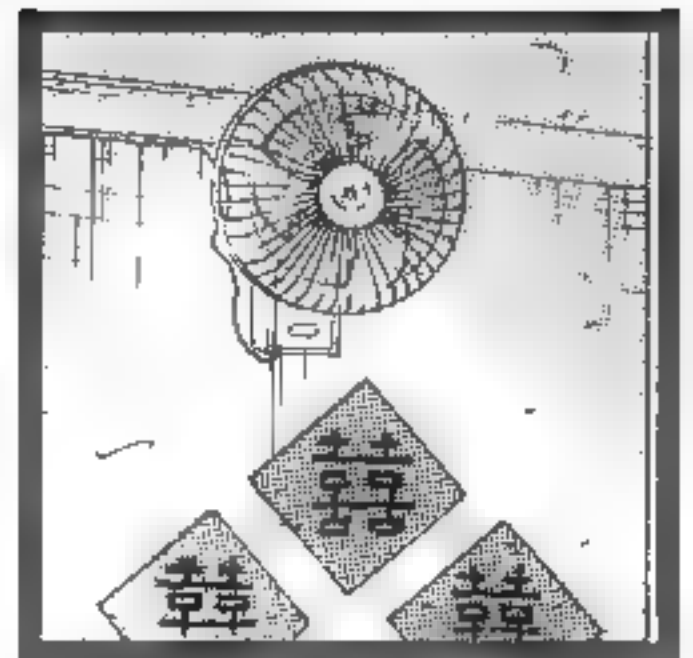


...AND CRUEL / IT / IS.



Good Luck

In Chinese culture, the “good luck” symbol (*left*) is commonly seen at Chinese New Year, and at the entrances of homes all year round! In the latter cases, it is often hung upside-down (*right*) because the character for “upside-down” is a homonym of the character for “to arrive.” Thus, placing it on your front door is inviting luck into your home.



Double Happiness

This symbol, created by taking the Chinese character for happiness (喜) and doubling it, represents joy and unity in Chinese culture, and is often associated with marriage.



SIGNS: CENTER, FOOD COURT DOUBLE FORTUNE HAT SHOP



CHAPTER 10

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朝

日

通

街

ZIUYAT STREET

AREN'T THERE
ANY GOOD
OPENINGS...?

HMMM.

KOWLOON CLASSIFIED
KOWLOON
DUMSUM

WORKERS
WANTED!!

6 XXXX XXXX

Mechanics Urgently Wanted

NEXT
IN LINE,
PLEASE!

I WOUND UP IN A
REAL MESS LAST
TIME WITH THAT
GENE TERRA DOLL
JOB. I HAVE TO
THINK CAREFULLY
ABOUT THIS NEXT
ONE, NO MATTER
HOW GOOD THE
PAY IS...

I'LL TAKE
THREE
TO GO,
PLEA—

SIGN: BIG SALE



THAT'LL
BE 30
HONG KONG
DOLLARS!

SIGNS: SUIT CENTER. BIG SALE



I
KNEW
IT
WAS
YOU!



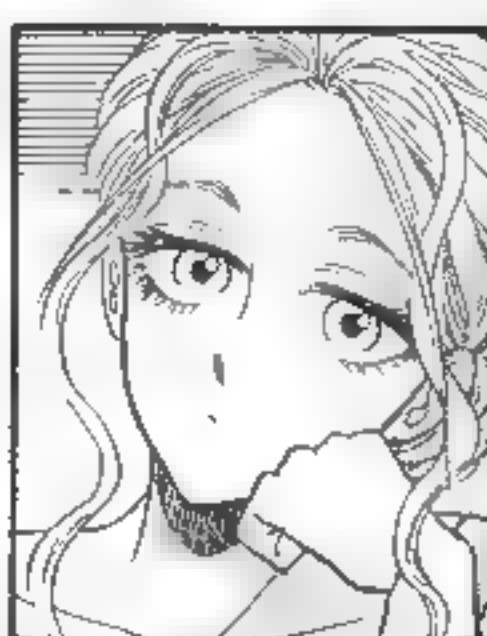


SIGNS: GOOD LUCK (UPSIDE DOWN), SECURITY CAMERA IN USE



SIGN: DOUBLE HAPPINESS







...AND I DON'T MIND IF YOU DON'T TAKE ME SERIOUSLY EITHER...



YOU DON'T HAVE TO BELIEVE ME...



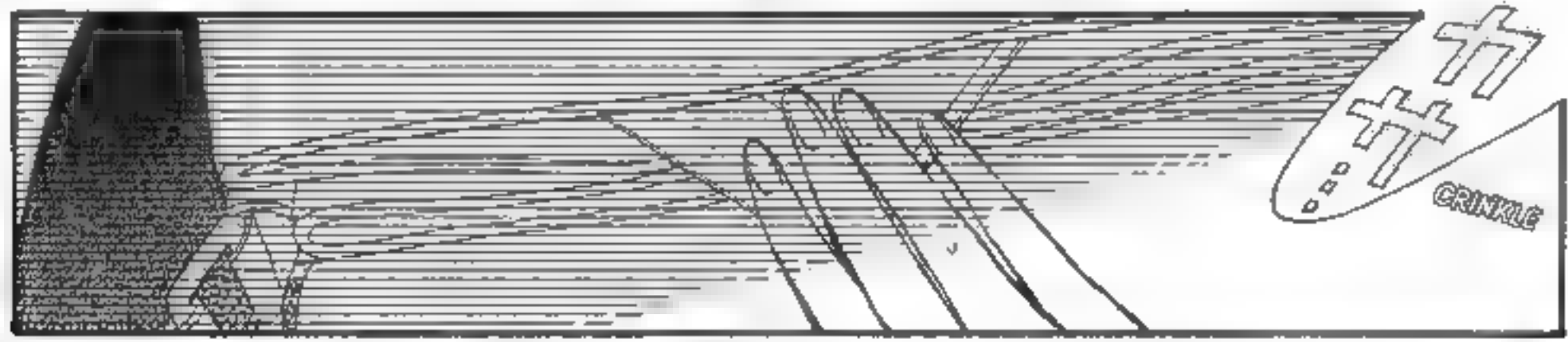
...REALLY STRANGE ...



...THIS IS GOING TO SOUND...



HUH?



CRINKLE



WHAAAT? YOU TWO ARE TOGETHER !?



AH! IT'S THAT GUY WHO WAS WITH YOU!



HMM?

SSK
SU?



**THE
WOMAN
IN THAT
PHOTO
ISN'T
ME.**



TO BEGIN
WITH, I DON'T
REMEMBER
TAKING THAT
PHOTO.

MR. KUDOU
AND I
AREN'T IN A
RELATIONSHIP.

I
KNOW.
BY ALL
APPEAR-
ANCES,
THAT'S
ME.

THAT'S
WHY IT'S
SO
STRANGE.

THE PERSON
WHO TOOK THE
PHOTO SAID
THAT'S ME.

MAYBE
SHE'S YOUR
LONG-
LOST TWIN
SISTER?

"KUDOH"
MUST
BE THIS
GUY...

PLUS...

...I DON'T
REMEMBER
IT.

I CAN'T
REMEM-
BER MY
PAST AT
ALL.

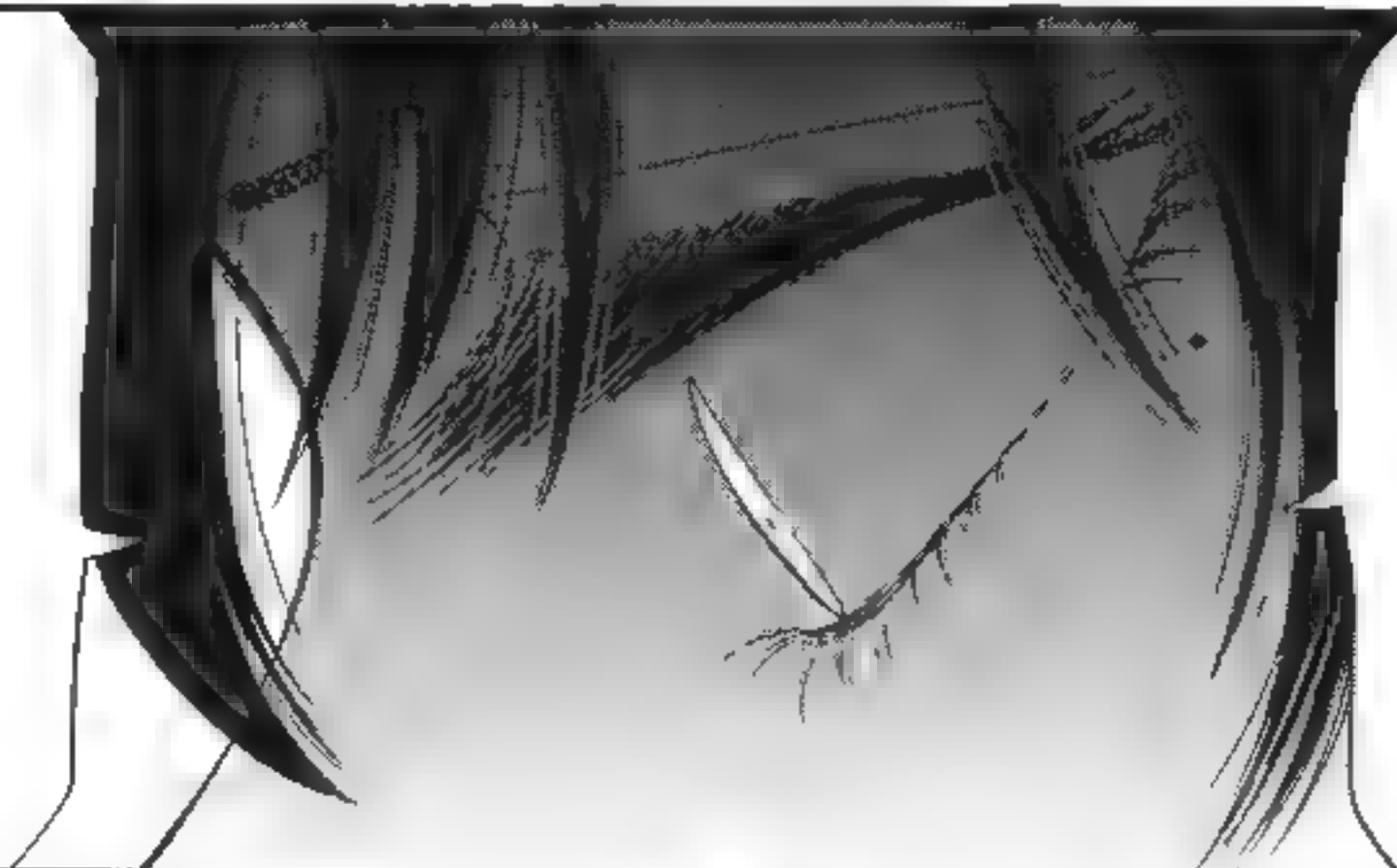
NOT
JUST THE
DAY THAT
PHOTO WAS
TAKEN...



IT
HADN'T
EVEN
CROSSED
MY MIND.

I NEVER
NOTICED
UNTIL
TODAY.

...HAS
NEVER
SAID A
WORD
ABOUT IT
EITHER...



AND
MR.
KUDOU
...

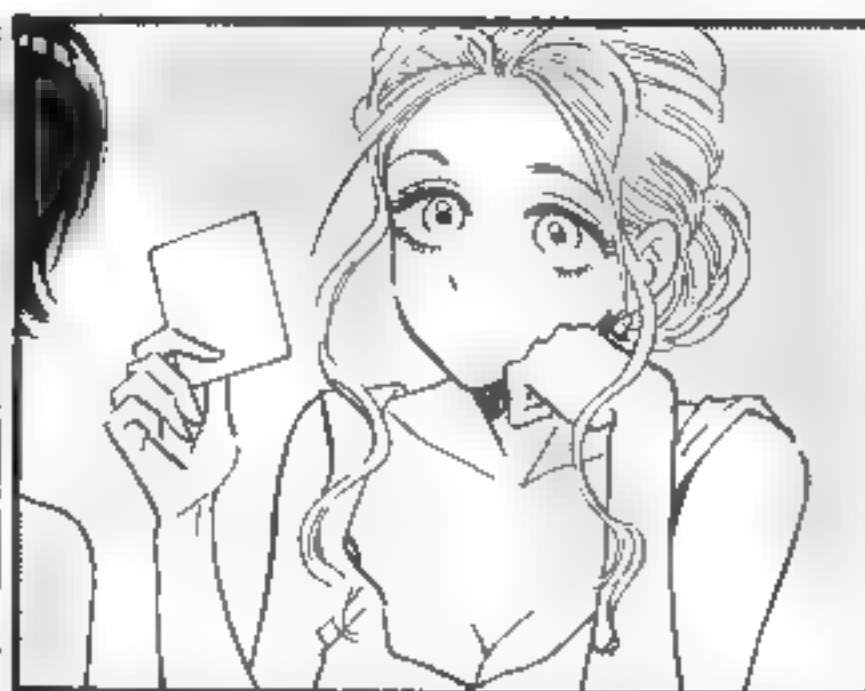


...THIS
ISN'T
YOU.

THEN
I'M
CERTAIN
...

EH...?


SSK
す
、





TAKE
ME, FOR
INSTANCE.

THERE
ARE PLENTY
OF PEOPLE
OUT THERE
WITHOUT A
PAST.



YOU SAID IT
YOURSELF
FROM THE
START! "THAT
ISN'T ME."

BUT
THE
PERSON
WHO
TOOK IT
SAID —

BUT I
DON'T
REMEMBER
MY PAST...



EH?



...TO
TOE.



FROM
HEAD...



SH?

ALL OF IT.

I THREW AWAY MY PAST.

ALL OF IT.

I THREW AWAY MY PAST.

CHARM: DOUBLE HAPPINESS

I'VE HAD PLASTIC SURGERY...

...ON MY ENTIRE BODY.

**...ON
MY
ENTIRE
BODY.**

I'D SAY,
"THAT'S
NOT
ME."

IF SOMEONE
BROUGHT
UP THE
OLD ME, I'D
REJECT IT.

SIGN: GOOD LUCK

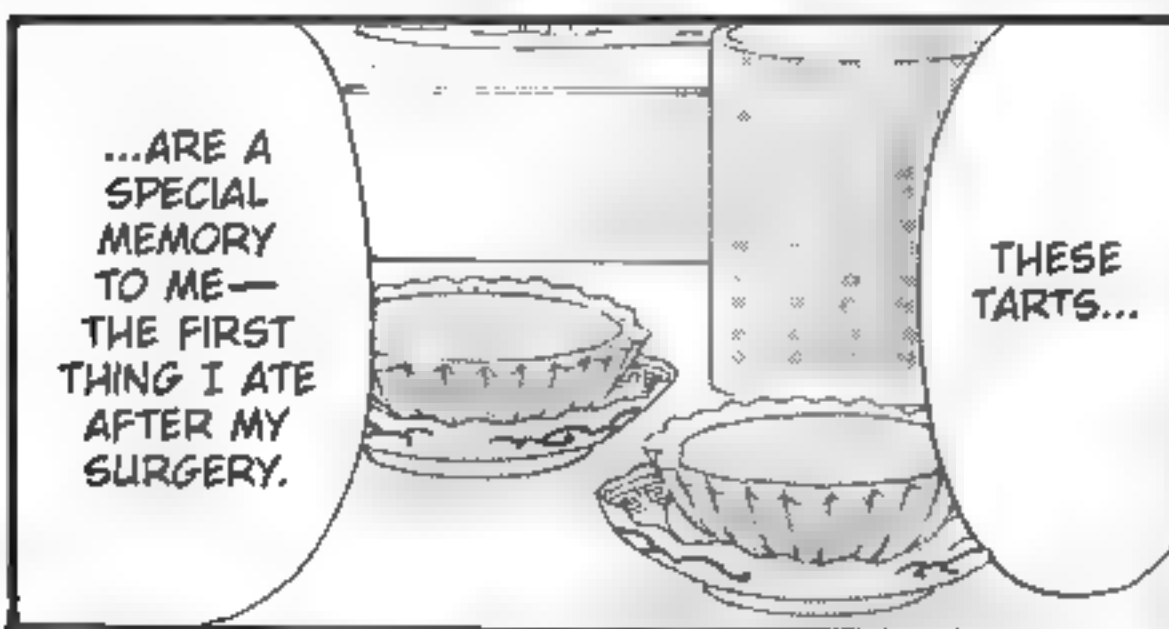
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CLINK

IF...

I'LL BE
THE ONE
TO DECIDE
WHICH IS
WHICH.

WHO'S
THE REAL
ME AND
WHO'S
NOT?

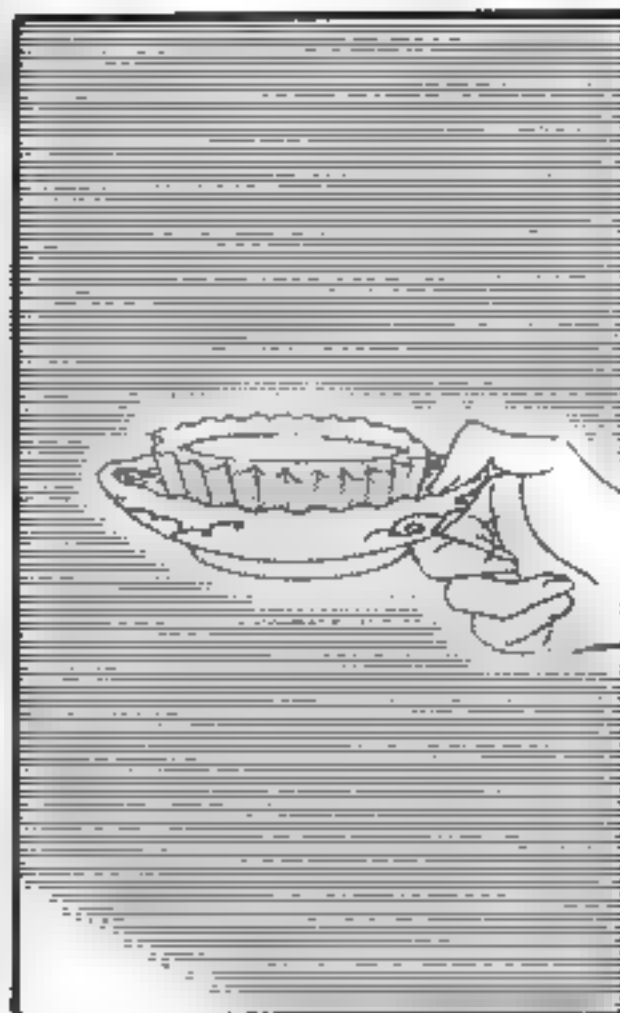




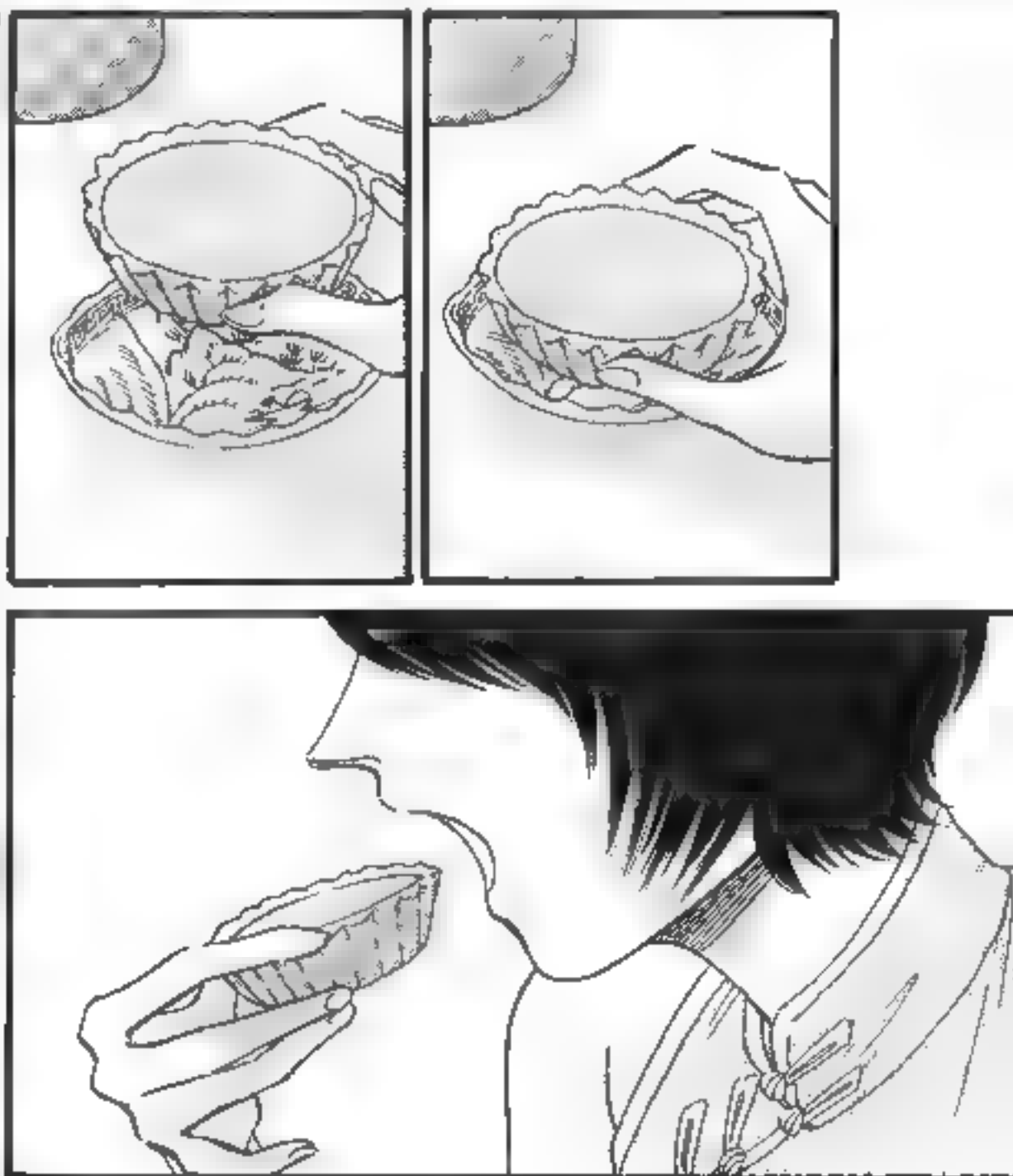
TNK
3
4
...



EVERY
PERSON
WITHOUT
A PAST
HAS A
FIRST
DAY.

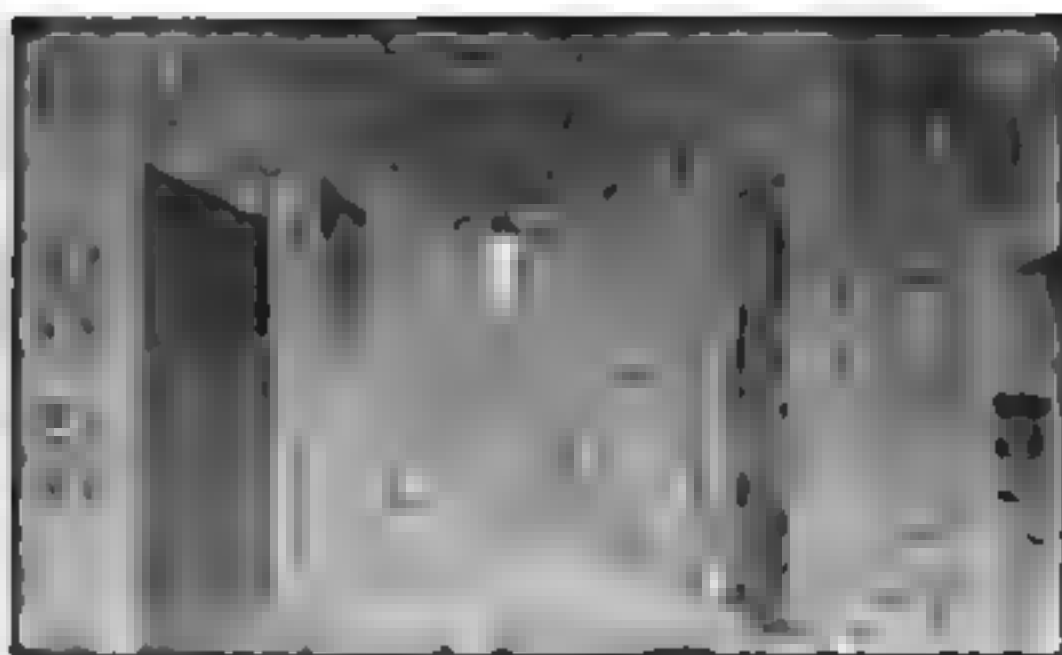


I'M
DELIGHTED TO
BE ABLE TO
OFFER YOU
THIS TART ON
YOURS.

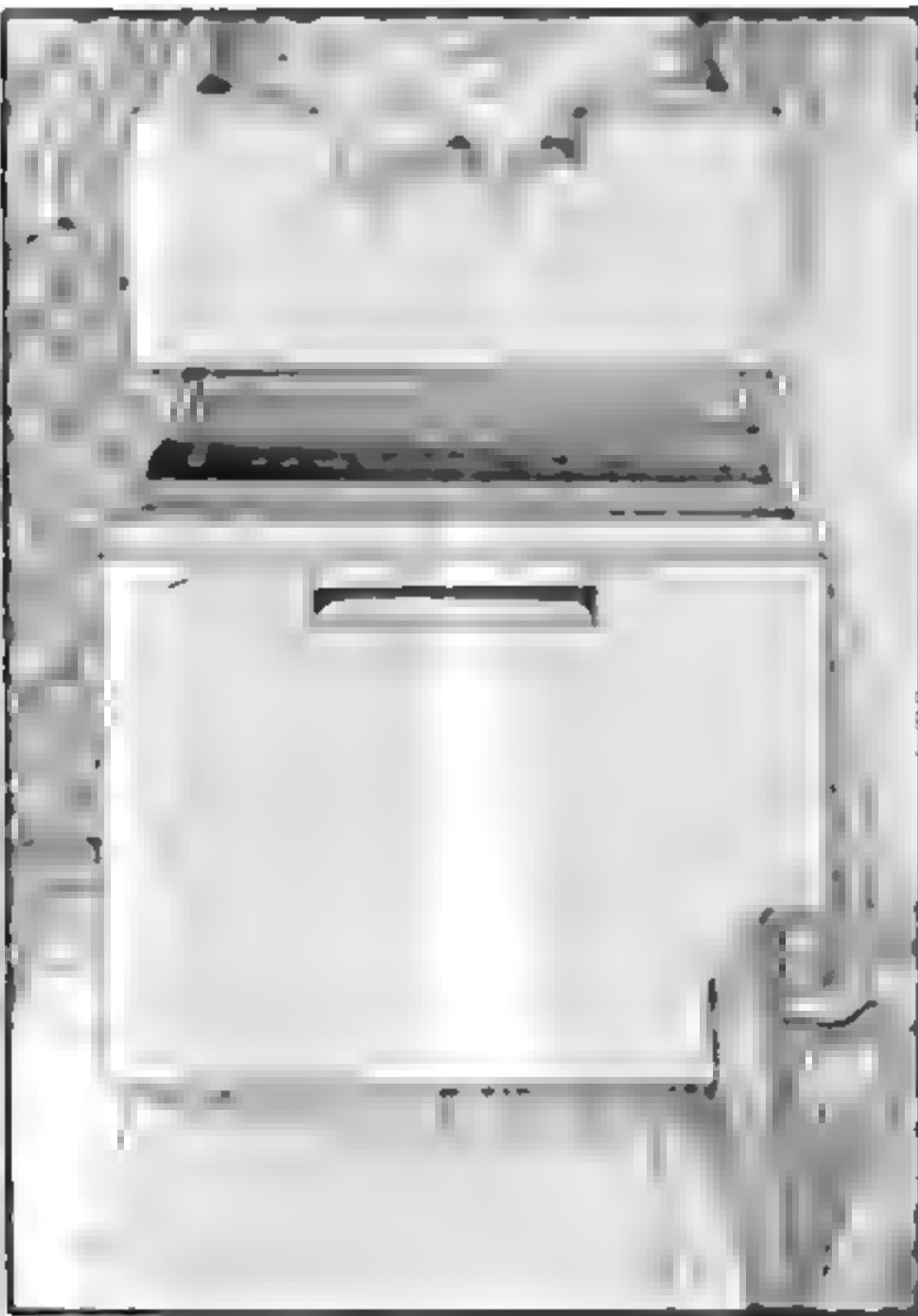
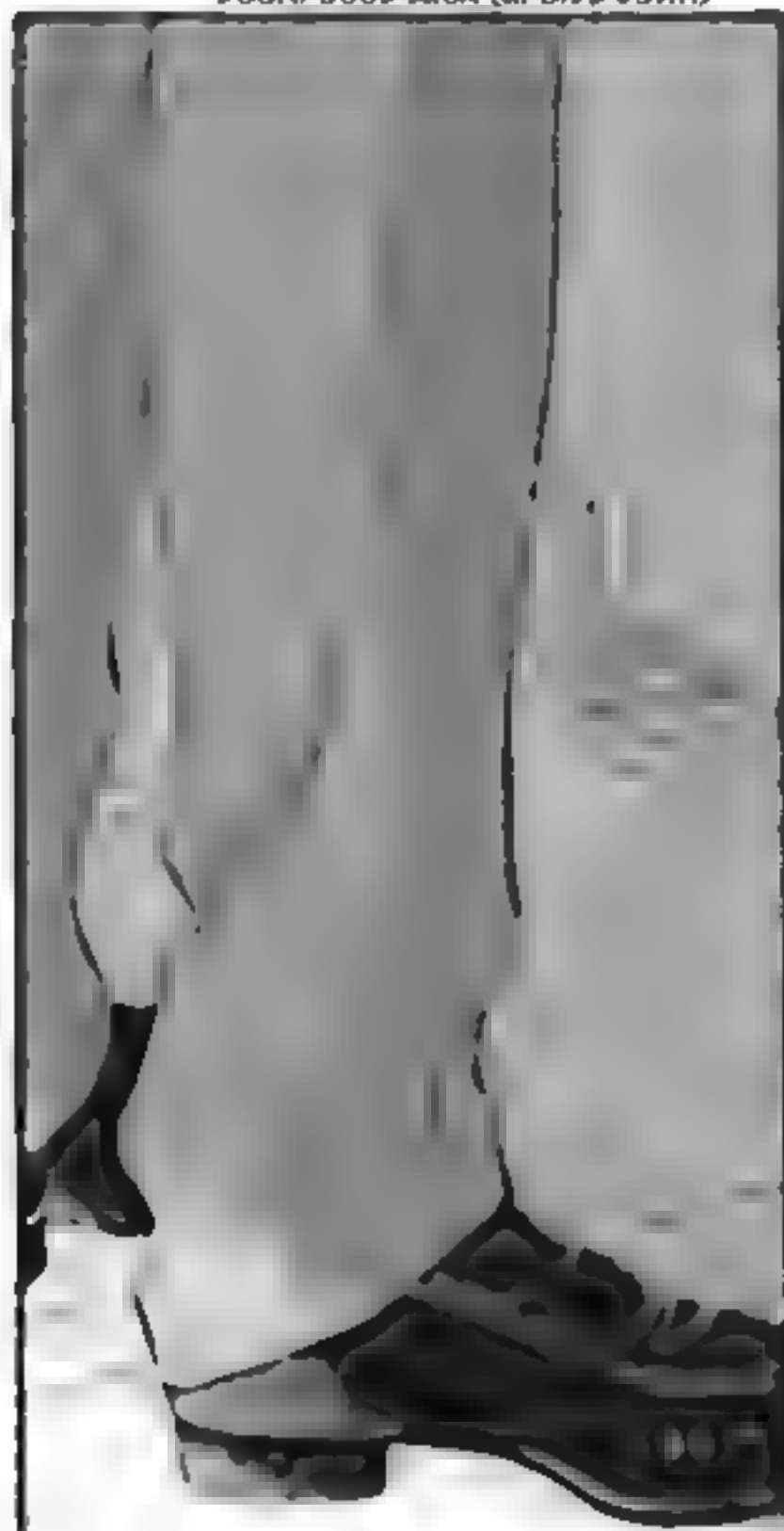


旺来地

WONG LOI REALTY COMPANY



DOOR: GOOD LUCK (UPSIDE DOWN)

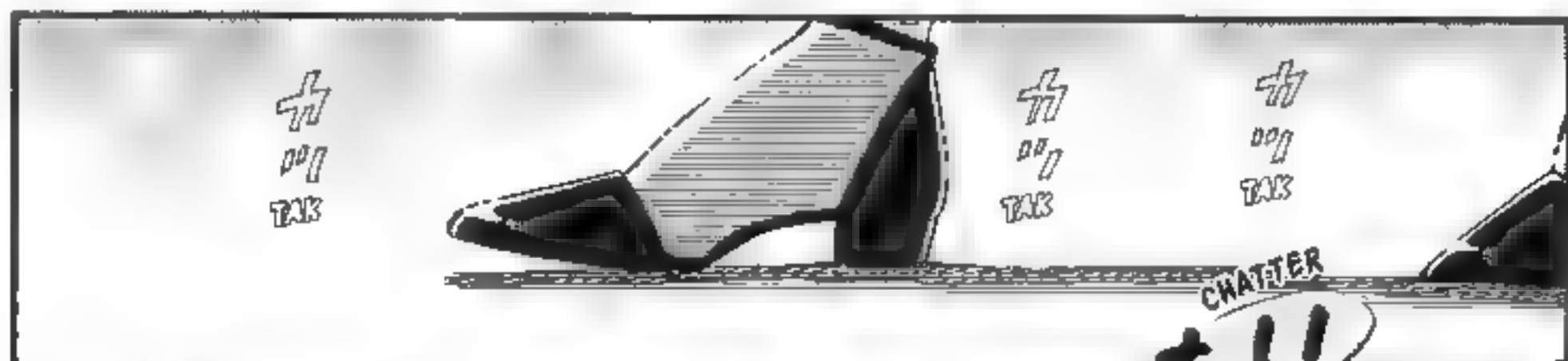




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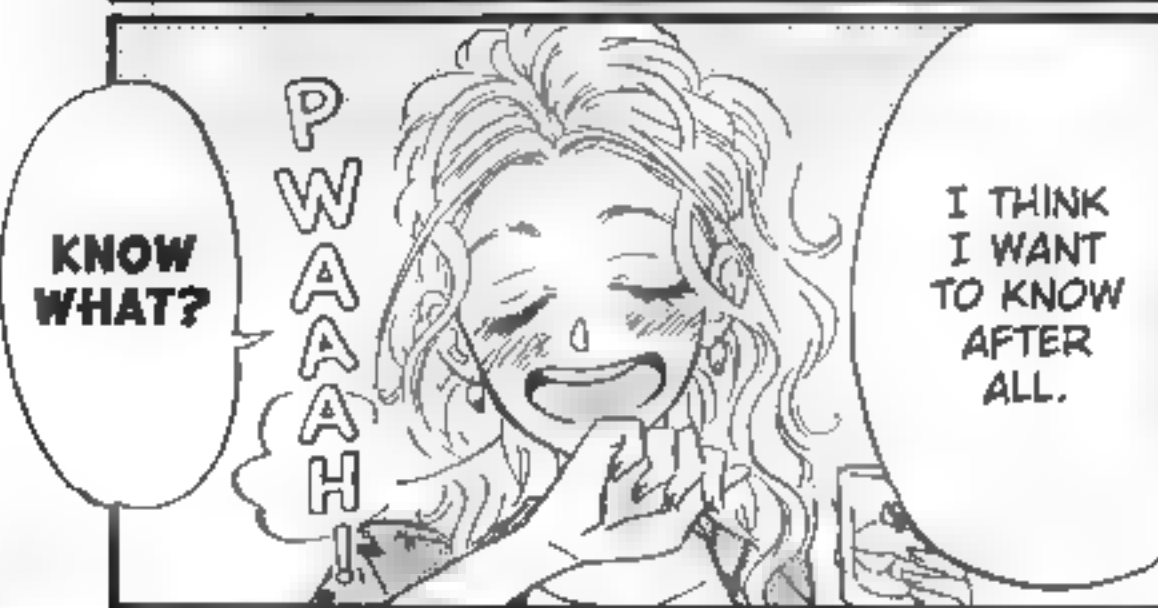


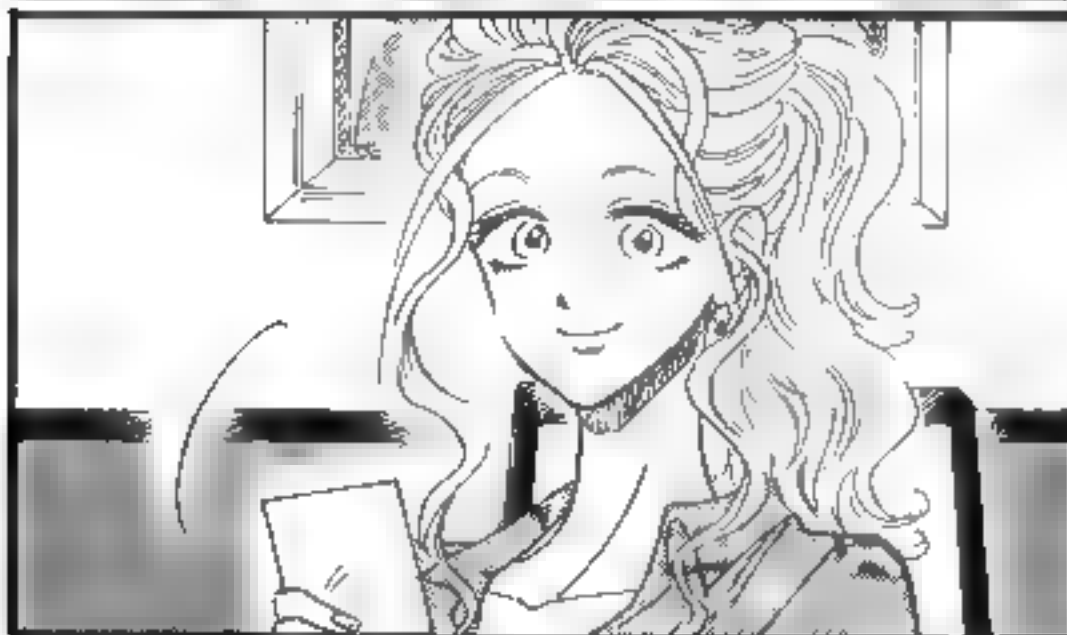
REKO-PON!
HOW WAS
~~WORK~~ AND
NO, I JUST
GOT HERE
TOO!

SORRY,
YAOMAY.
DID YOU
WAIT
LONG?

福

囍





THEY WERE
SUPPOSEDLY
ENGAGED AND
ALL.

PLUS, THIS
WOMAN
WHO LOOKS
EXACTLY LIKE
YOU...LET'S
CALL HER
KUJIRAI B.

THE FACT
THAT MR.
KUDOU
HAS NEVER
BROUGHT IT
UP MEANS
HE'S HIDING IT,
RIGHT? I CAN'T
POSSIBLY ASK
HIM...!

B-BE-
SIDES!

AHHH,
I SEE
YOUR
POINT.

H
R
M...

THE SIMPLEST
EXPLANATION IS
THAT KUJIRAI B
HAS AMNESIA...

...AND
YOU AND
HER ARE
THE SAME
PERSON
AFTER
ALL...

HERE
YOU
AAARE!!

BUT
EITHER WAY, IF
HE'S HIDING IT,
IS THERE SOME
REASON HE
DOESN'T WANT
YOU TO FIND
OUT...?





!!!

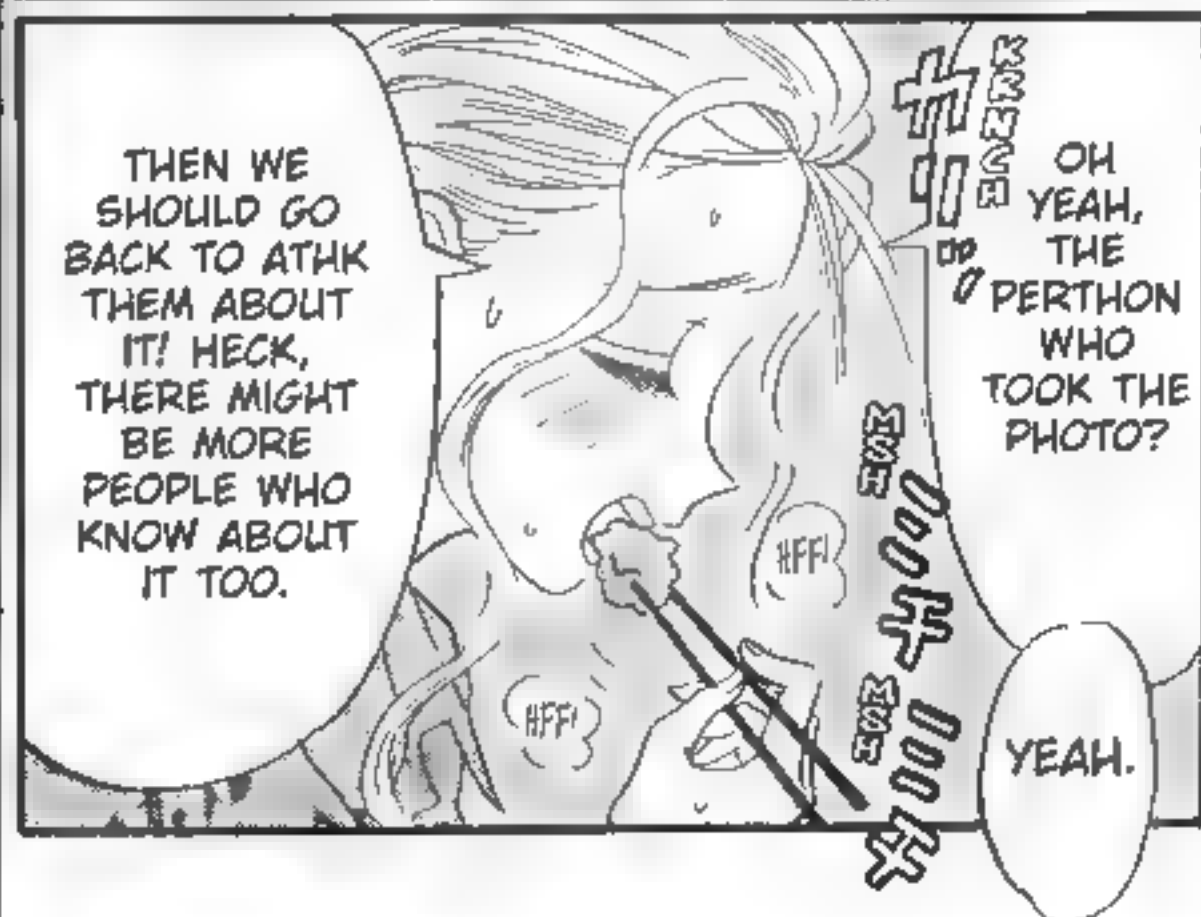


YEAH,
IF I CAN
MANAGE
TO FIND
THAT CAFE
AGAIN...

HUH?
REKO-PON,
ARE YOU
BAD WITH
DIRECTIONS?
EVEN THOUGH
YOU'RE A
REALTOR!?



...THERE' TH
THOMEONE ELTH
WHO KNOWTH
ABOUT THITH
PHOTO, OTHER
THAN MITHER
KUROU...



THEN WE
SHOULD GO
BACK TO ATHK
THEM ABOUT
IT! HECK,
THERE MIGHT
BE MORE
PEOPLE WHO
KNOW ABOUT
IT TOO.

OH
YEAH,
THE
PERTHON
WHO
TOOK THE
PHOTO?

YEAH.

COULD
MR. KUDOU
BE WAITING
FOR YOUR
MEMORIES
TO
RETURN?



OOH!
HOW ABOUT
THITH
THEORY?

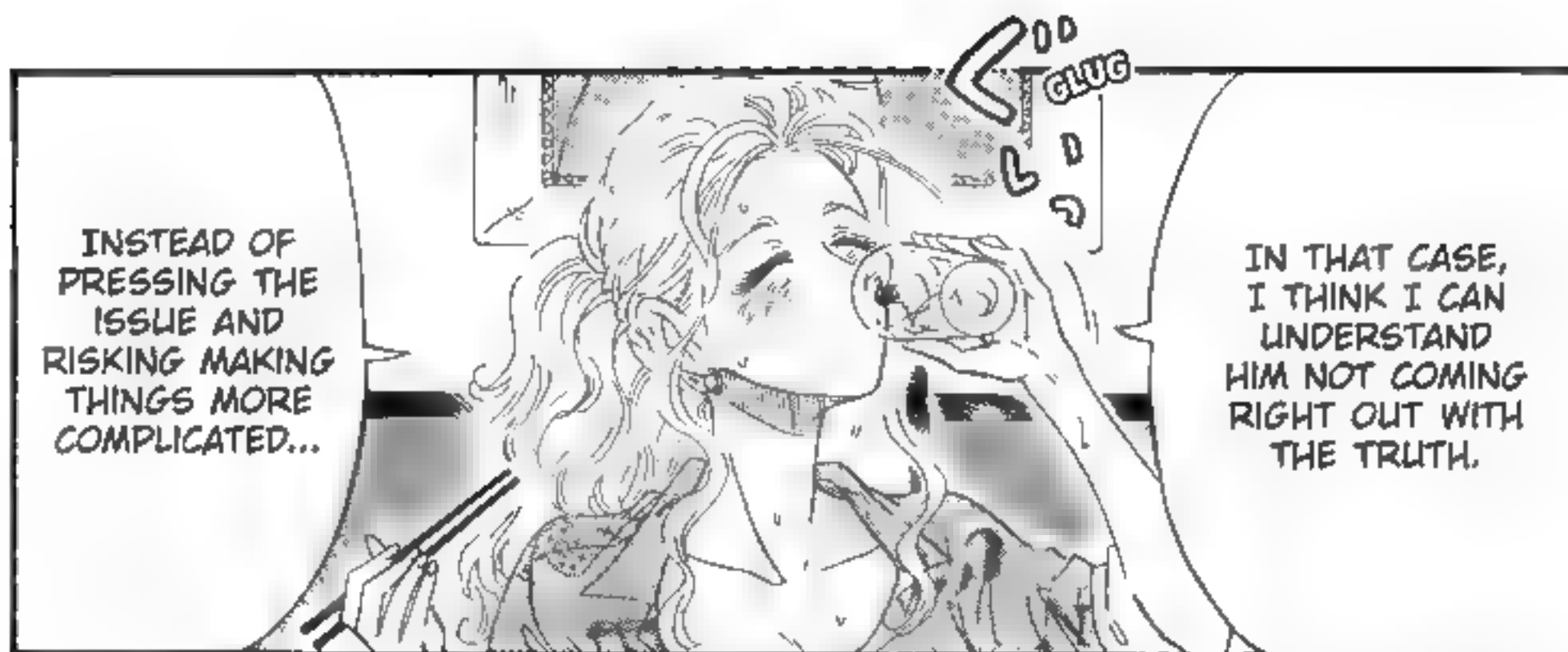
WHAT?

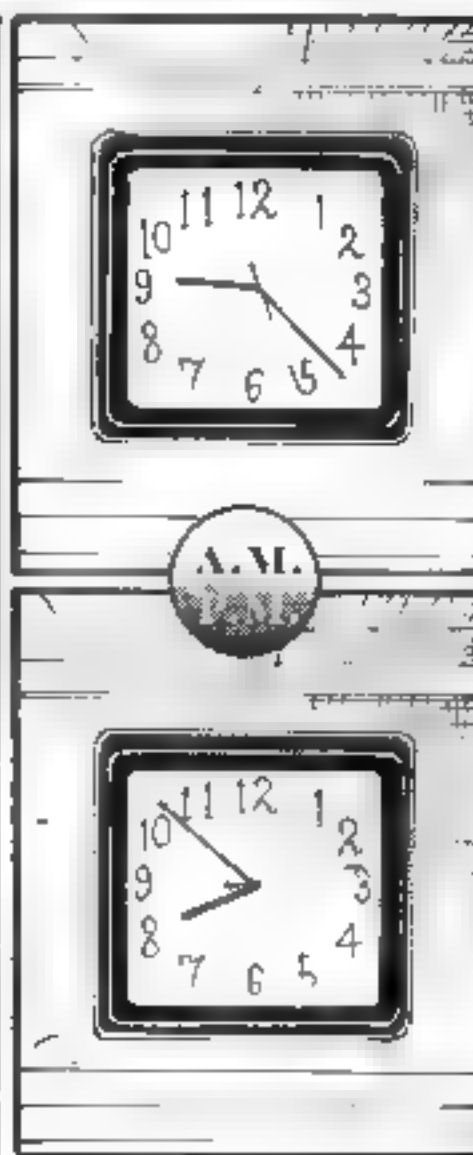
MM-
HMM,
MM-
HMM?



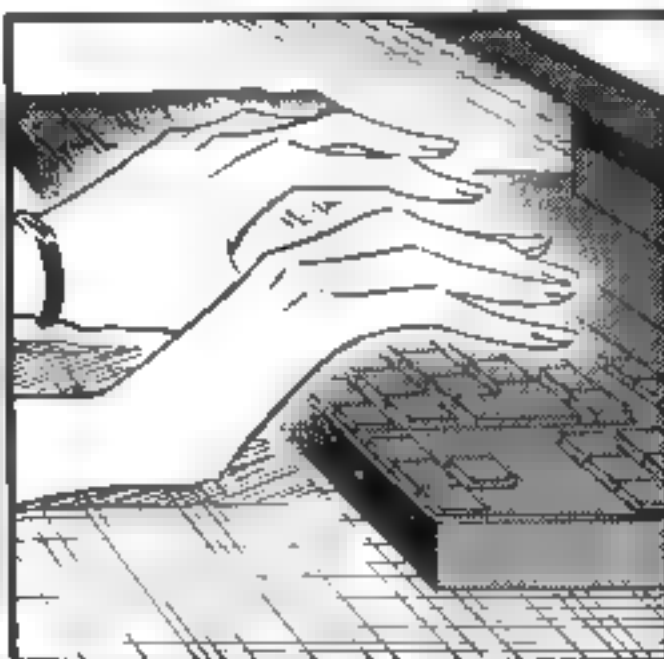
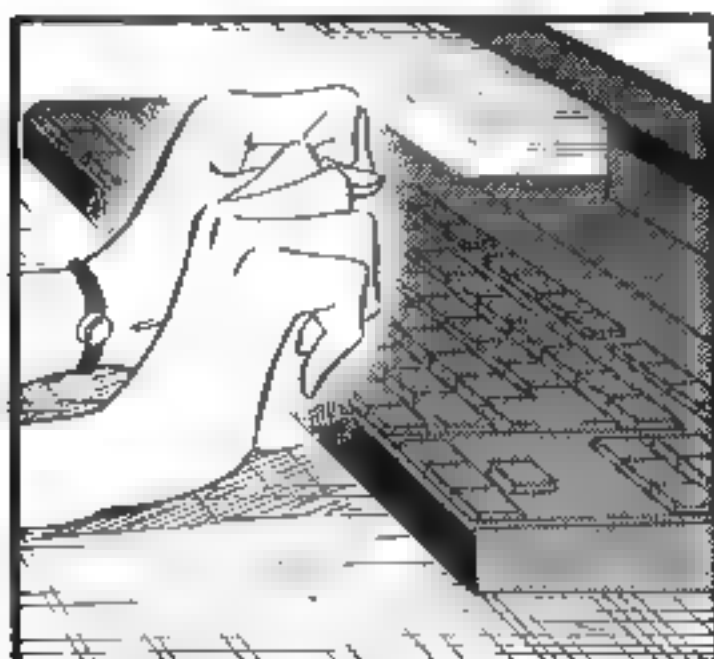
OKAY, SO
LET'S SAY
YOU AND
KUJIRAI B
REALLY ARE
THE SAME
PERSON.











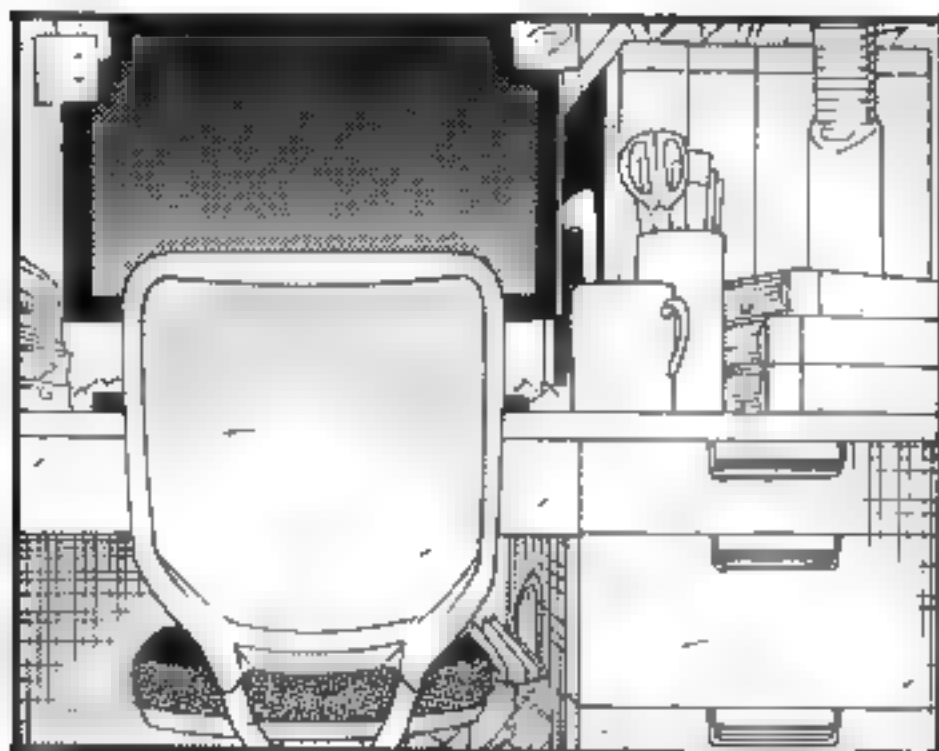
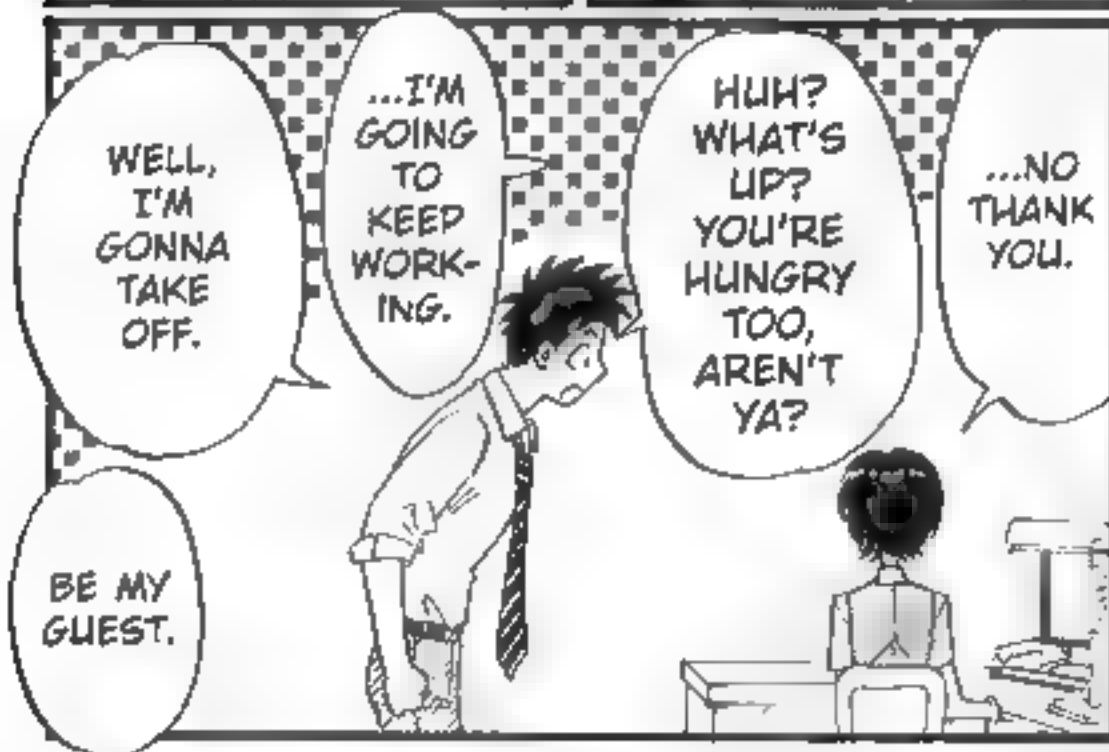
**...AT
ME.**

**PLEASE
LOOK...**







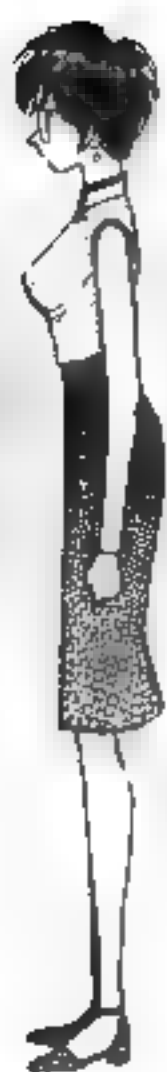






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HOWLON
Generic Romance



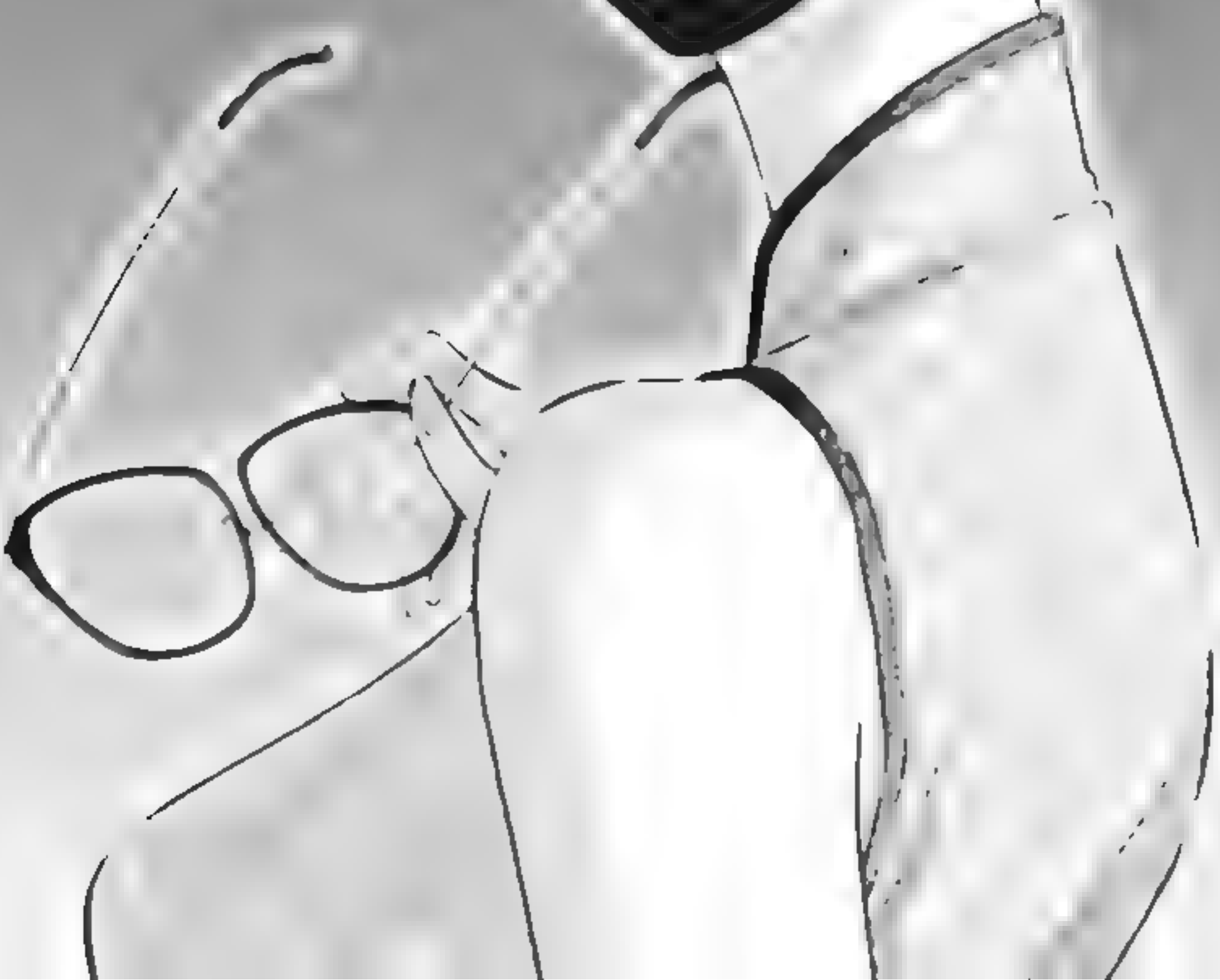
WHAT
DO YOU
KNOW...

...DON'T?



...THAT
I...

404
Not Found





KUJIRAI,
HAND ME
ANOTHER
NAIL.



HEY...



AH...
YES,
SIR...

GIMME
A NAIL.
A NAIL.

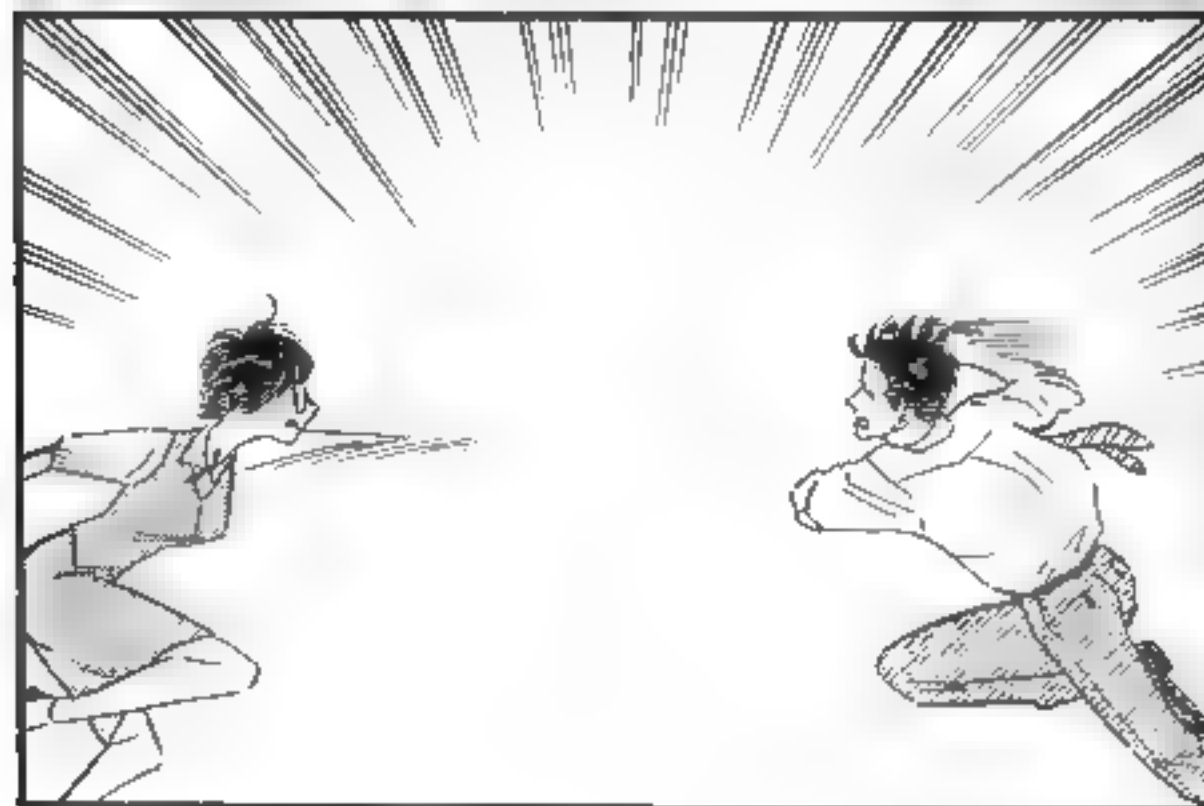
AH, I'M
SORRY.
WHAT DID
YOU SAY?

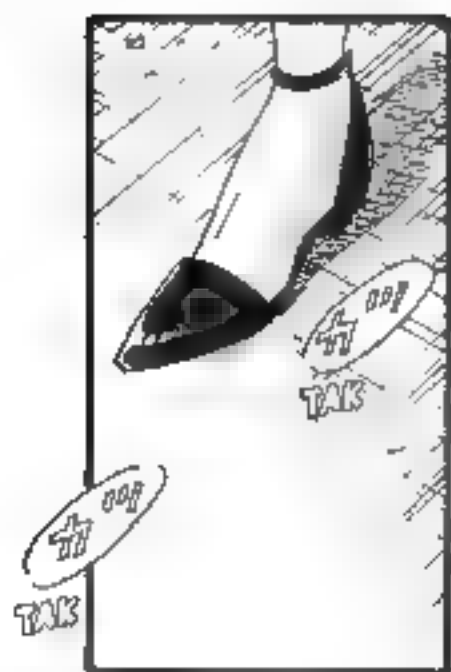
WHAT'S
WITH THE
SCOWL?

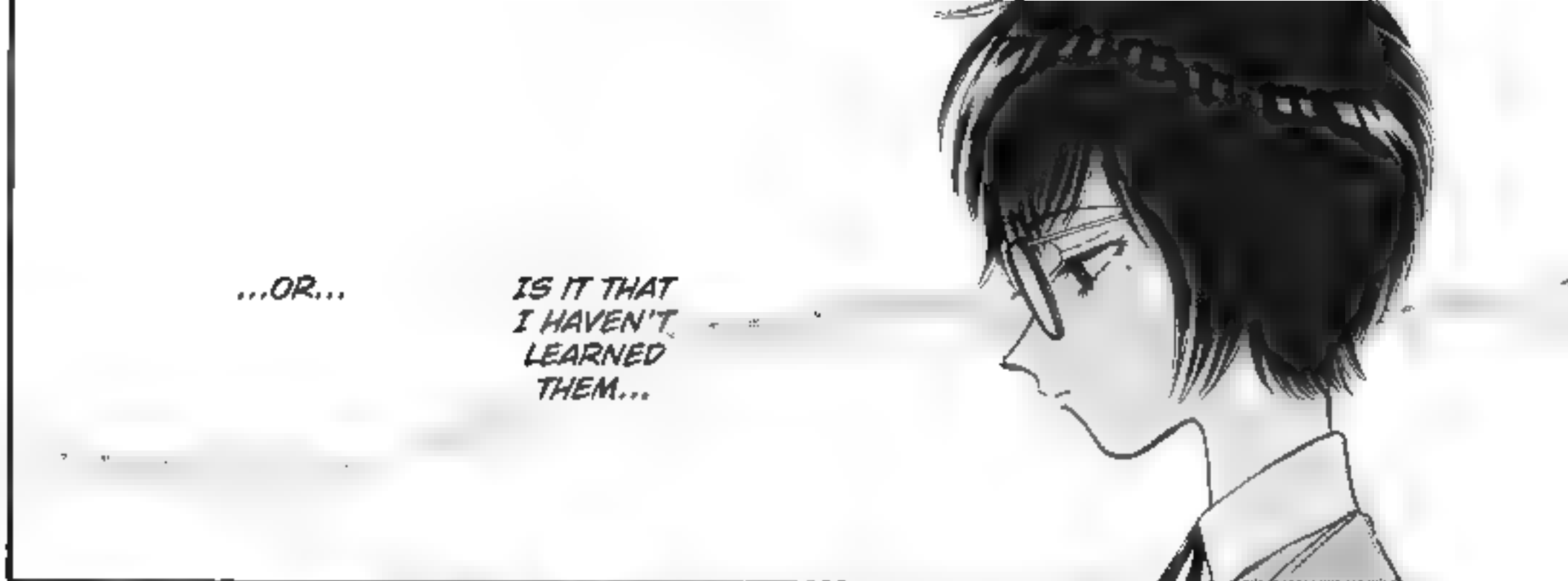
HMPH











...OR...

IS IT THAT
I HAVEN'T
LEARNED
THEM...



...THAT
I CAN'T
REMEMBER
THEM...?



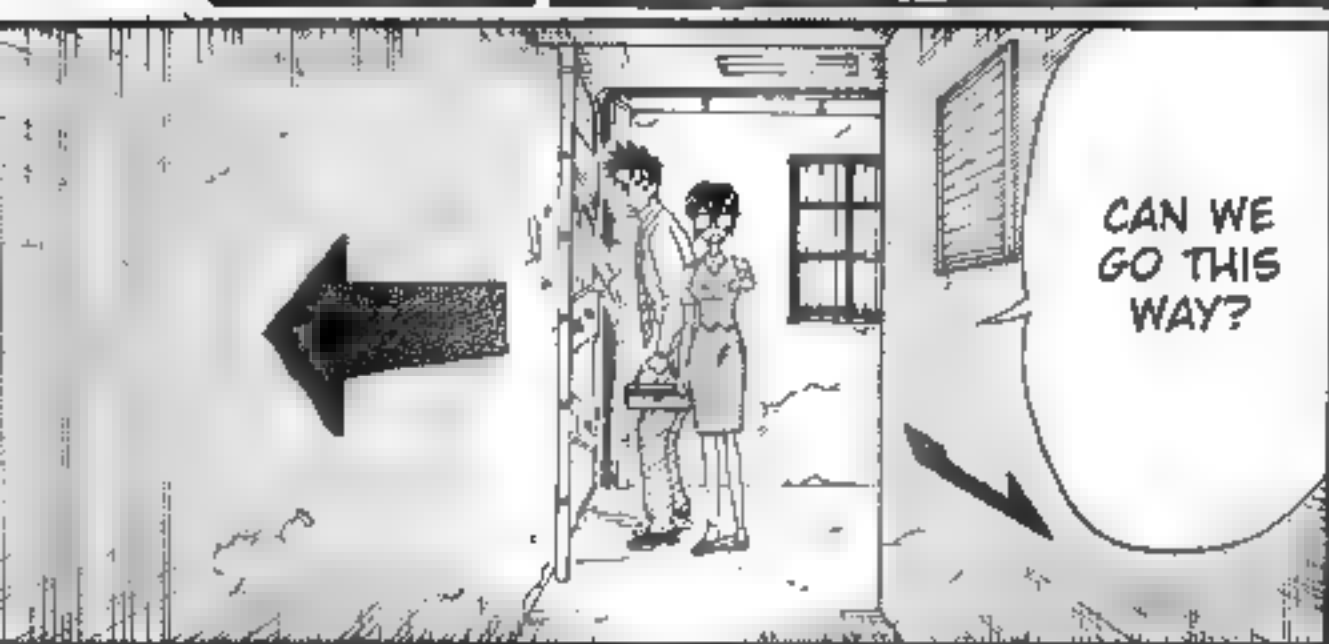
THE
PATH'S
GONE...



HEY! DON'T
JUST STOP
WITHOUT
WARNING...



WH-
PFF!



HUH?
HEY, QUIT
PUSHIN'...!

WHAT'S
WRONG WITH
A LITTLE
ADVENTURE?
IT COULD BE
FUN!
LET'S FIND
OUT WHERE
IT GOES!

NO WAY!
I DON'T
KNOW THAT
PATH!

IT
DOESN'T
EVEN SAY
WHERE
IT GOES.
IT'S JUST
ARROWS.
TOO FISHY.
WE'RE
TURNIN'
BACK.

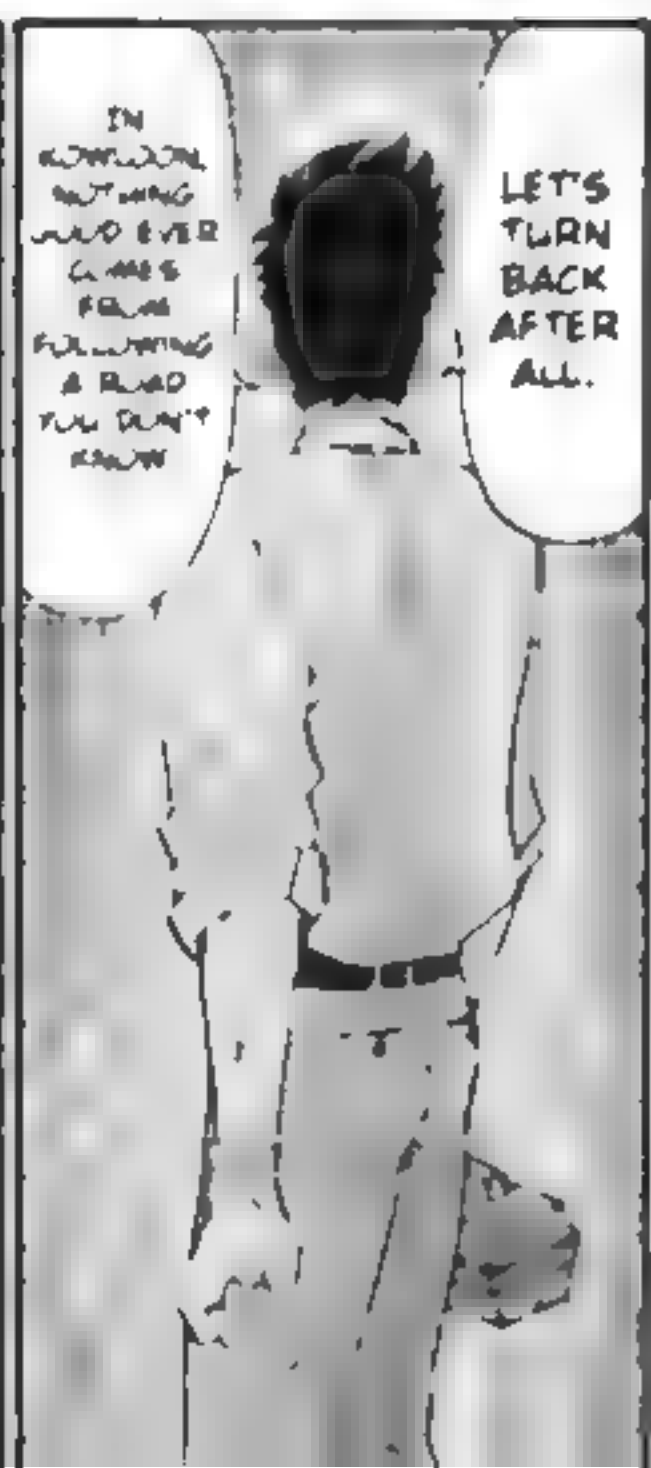
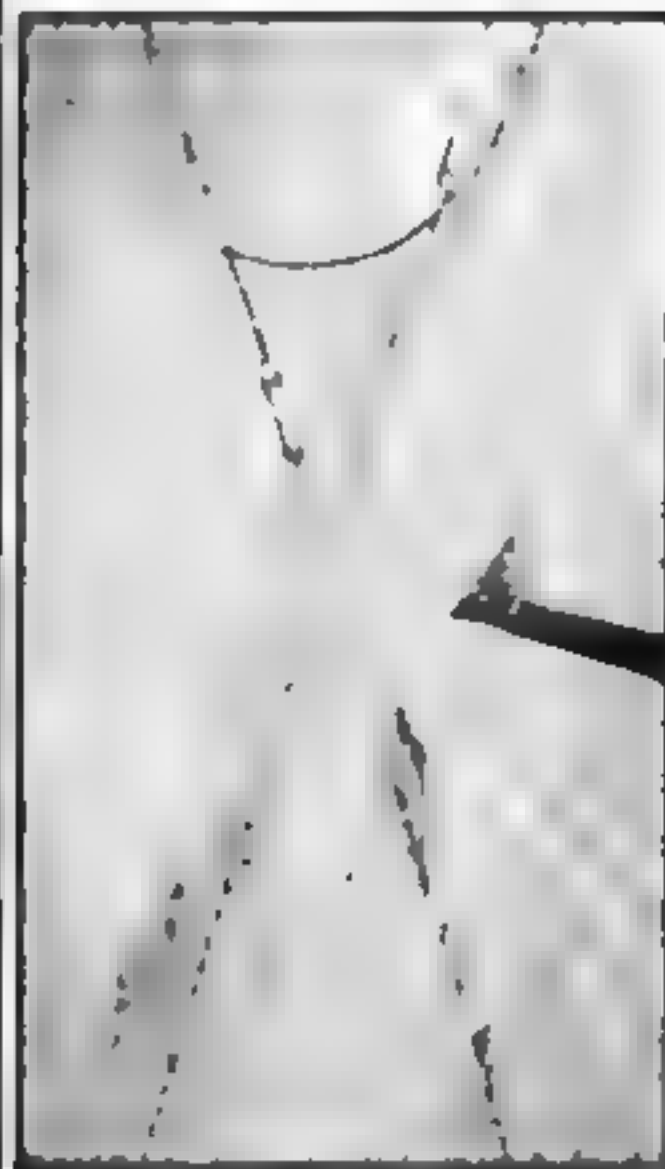


YOU'RE
RIGHT!
FOR SOME
REASON,
THE AIR
ALSO SEEMS
THINNER,
AND IT'S HOT
TOO!

H-HEY...IS
IT JUST ME,
OR DOES
THIS PATH
KEEP GETTIN'
NARROWER?



SIGNS: KOWLOON



IN
KODOMO
NOTHING
HAD EVER
GONE
FOLLOWING
A ROAD
THEY DON'T
KNOW

LET'S
TURN
BACK
AFTER
ALL.



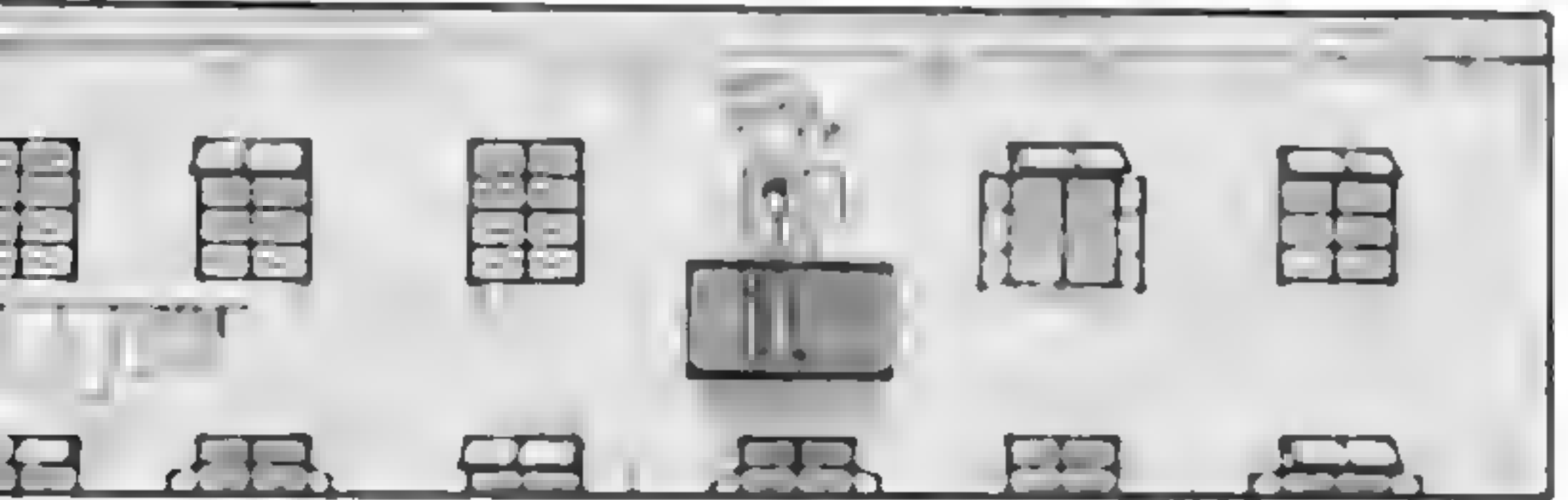
WHY'D YOU
STOP? DID
WE HIT A
DEAD END?

...NO...



WHERE
COULD IT
POSSIBLY
LEAD?

AREN'T YOU
CURIOUS?
IT'S A PATH
UNFAMILIAR
TO US BOTH.

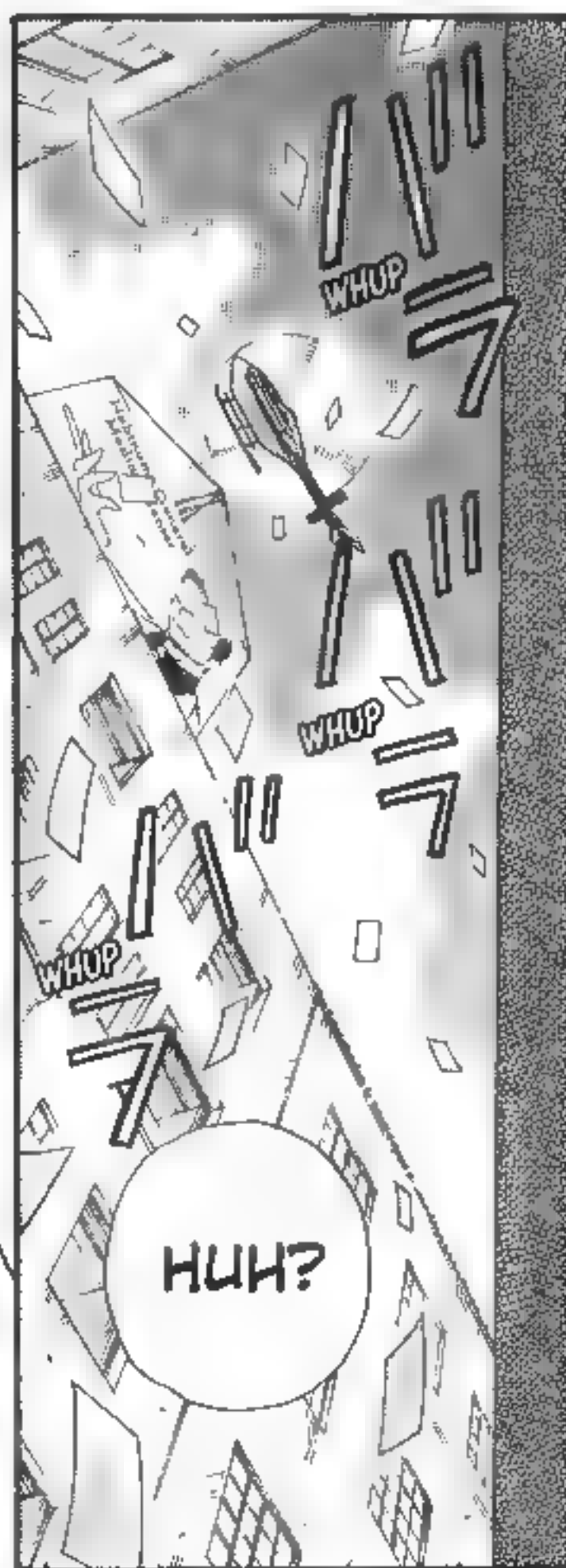
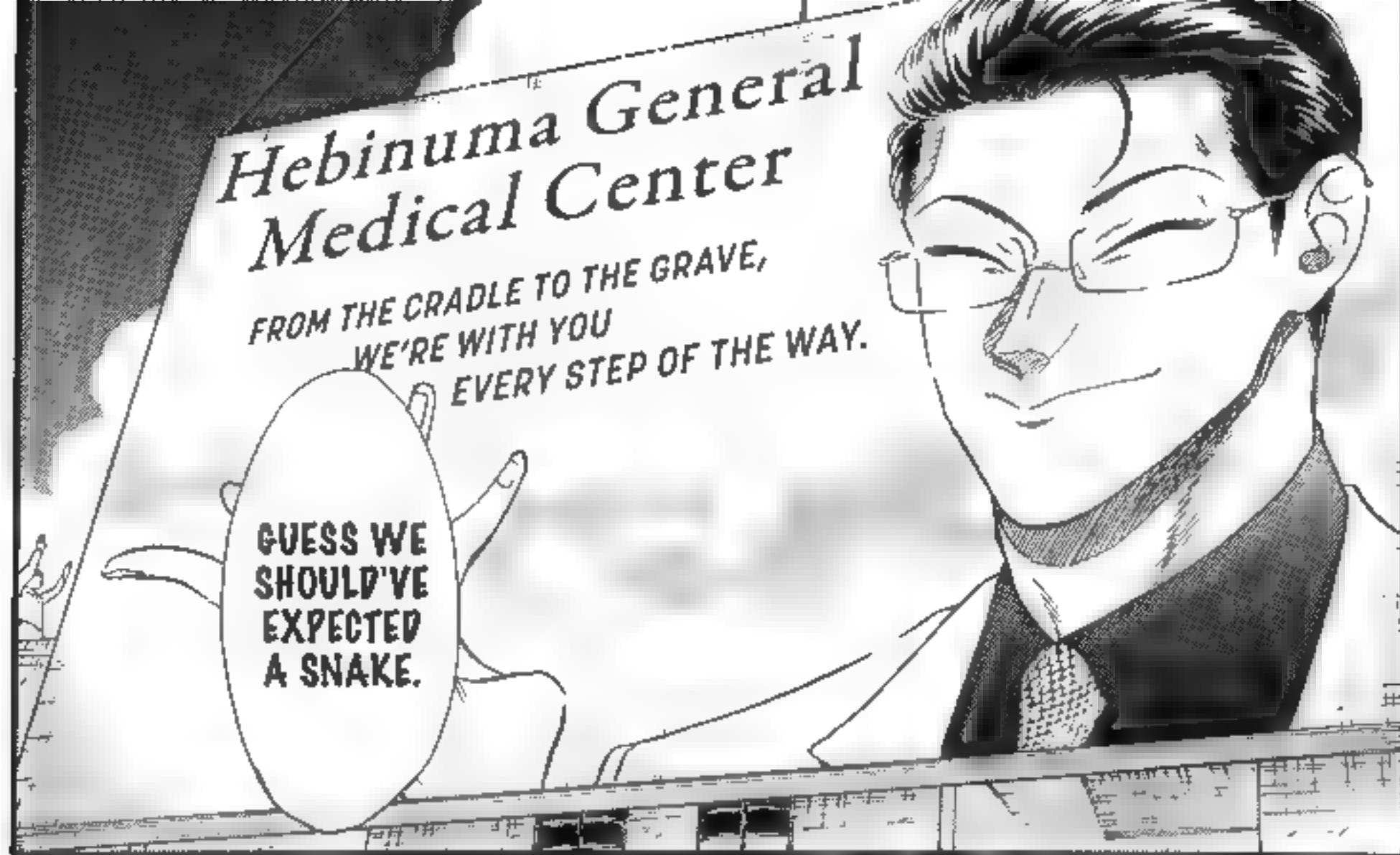


uma General ical Center

E CRADLE TO THE GRAVE,
E'RE WITH YOU
EVERY STEP OF THE WAY.











CHAPTER 13

KOWLOON

情報電視通信

TELECOMMUNICATIONS

DUN-
DINGLE-
DUUUN!!!

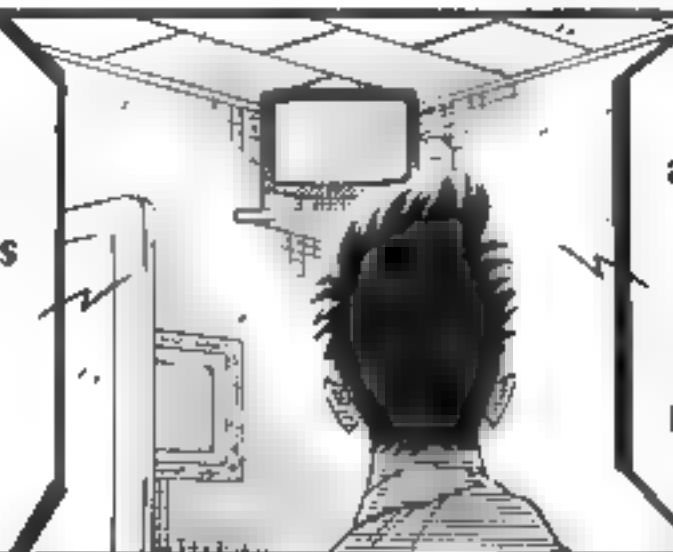
Today,
we've got
the scoop on
the Hebinuma
General
Medical Center,
which popped
up in Kowloon's
Dung On Tower
Central just
the other day!



You're
tuned in to
Kowloon TV,
bringing you
all the latest
Kowloon
news
faster than
anywhere
else!

PIG MAY WEALTH FLOW IN

What a
generous
promo-
tion!

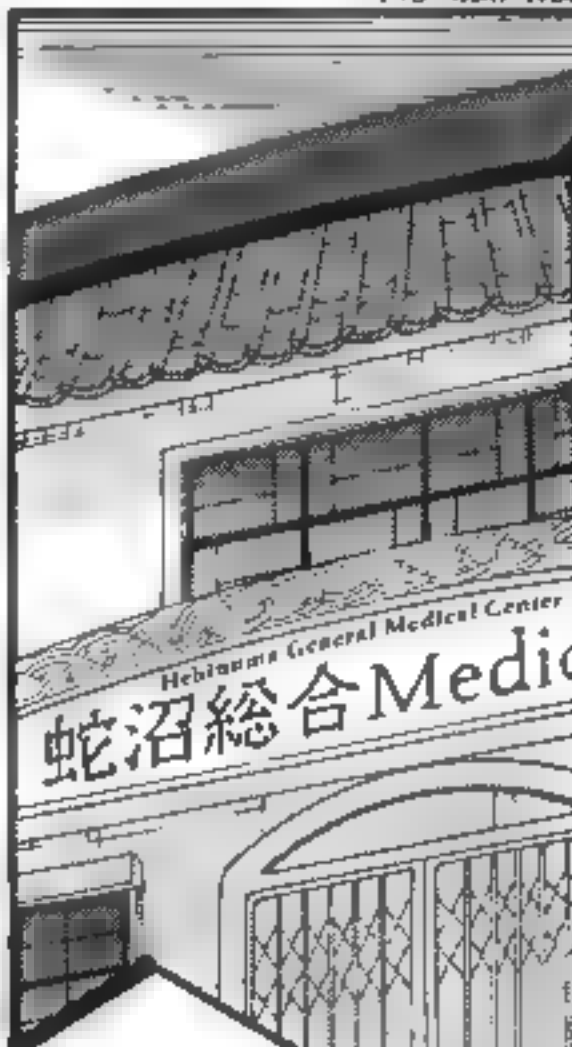


They're
accepting
sign-ups
from
eastern
district
residents
first.

...FROM
THE
BILLBOARD
WE SAW
THE OTHER
DAY!?



WHOA,
WHOA,
WHOA.
AIN'T
THIS
PLACE...



We're
told this
multi-
purpose
facility will
serve both
beauty
and health
purposes,
offering
cosmetic
surgery
consulta-
tions and
medical
exams.

But wait—
there's more!
To celebrate
their grand
opening,
they're giving
free checkups
to residents
of Kowloon!



FREE
CHECKUPS?
IT'S FISHY
AS HECK!

WHY WOULD
HEBINUMA
COME TO
KOWLOON?

DO YOU
HAVE ANY
ALLERGIES?

REMIND
ME, MR.
KUDOU.
HOW
OLD ARE
YOU?

NOPE.

HOW
MANY
CIGARETTES
DO YOU
SMOKE A
DAY?

THIRTY-
FOUR.



Next
up, our
help-
wanted
high-
lights!

HOW MUCH
ALCOHOL DO
YOU DRINK IN
A MONTH?



**YOU
SUCKER!**

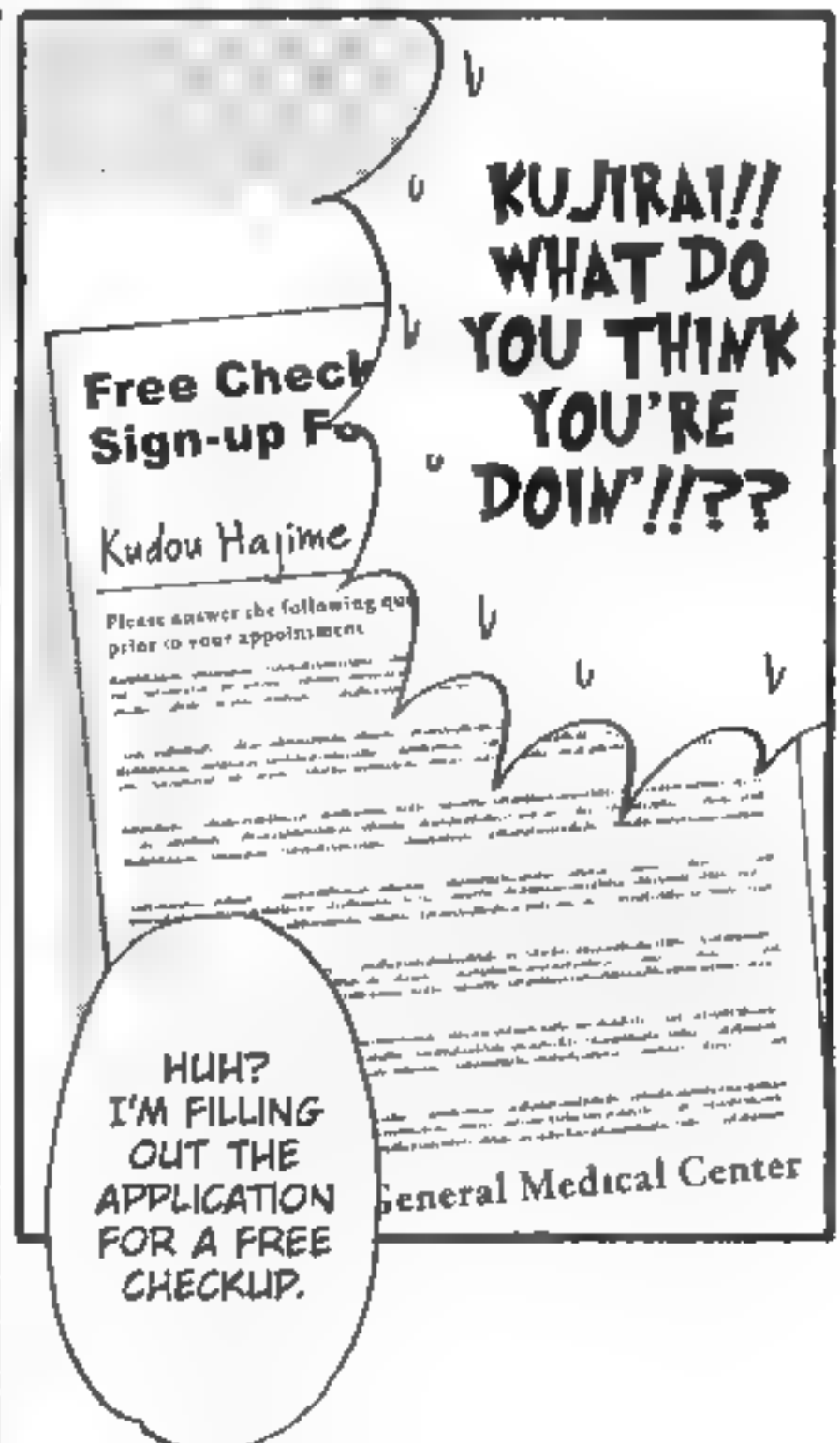
WE
SHOULD
DO IT.
IT'S
FREE!

**DON'T
APPLY
FOR
ME!!!**



THEY'LL
EXTRACT ALL
KINDSA PRIVATE
INFORMATION
OUT OF YOU!
HECK, THAT'S
THE REAL
PURPOSE
BEHIND THESE
KINDS OF
PROMOTIONS!!

LISTEN UP,
YOU! DON'T
YOU KNOW
THE SAYING
"THERE'S NO
SUCH THING
AS A FREE
LUNCH"?
DON'T FALL
FOR THIS
CRAP SO
EASILY...



**Free Check
Sign-up For**

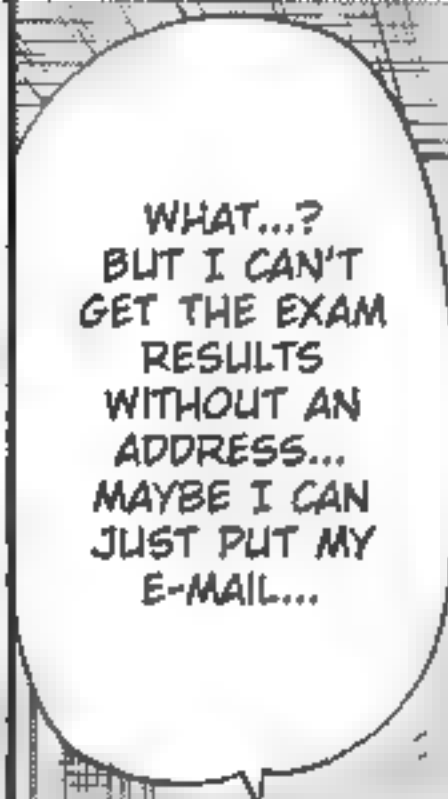
Kudou Hajime

Please answer the following ques-
tionnaire prior to your appointment.

**KUJIRAI!!
WHAT DO
YOU THINK
YOU'RE
DOIN'!!??**

HUH?
I'M FILLING
OUT THE
APPLICATION
FOR A FREE
CHECKUP.

General Medical Center



WHAT...?
BUT I CAN'T
GET THE EXAM
RESULTS
WITHOUT AN
ADDRESS...
MAYBE I CAN
JUST PUT MY
E-MAIL...



**DON'T
FILL IN
YOUR
ADDRESS!
ALSO,
I AIN'T
GOING!**



DIDN'T WE
HAVE SOME
PROPERTIES
IN THAT
AREA?

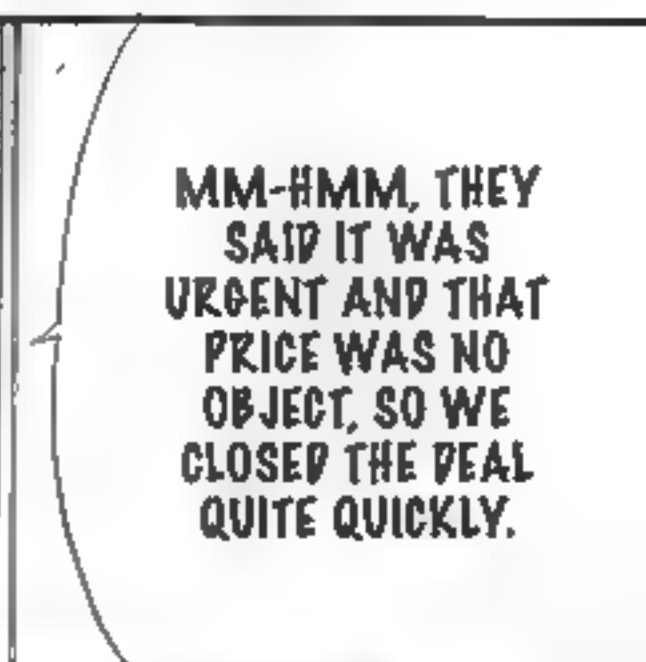
IT'S
WEIRD,
THOUGH.
WE DIDN'T
HEAR
A PEEP
ABOUT
THIS.



SIGN: HAVE A SAFE JOURNEY



OH
H H
?



MM-HMM, THEY
SAID IT WAS
URGENT AND THAT
PRICE WAS NO
OBJECT, SO WE
CLOSED THE DEAL
QUITE QUICKLY.



**WHAAAT!?
YOU WERE
THE REALTOR
BEHIND THE
SALE, MR.
LEE!!??**

HUH?
YES, THAT
WAS ME.



AH!
IT'S TIME
TO FEED
THE
GOLDFISH!



WHEW
EASY
DOES IT





EYE EXAM





...I DO WEAR
GLASSES
SOMETIMES,
BUT THEY'RE
NON-
PRESCRIPTION.

THEN
WE'LL
PROCEED
WITH YOUR
EXAM
WITHOUT
THEM!



I LIKE
THE GLASSES
BETTER.



RIGHT...NO,
LEFT!!!!



I DO
NOT THINK
YOU SHOULD
GUESS THE
ANSWERS
ON AN EYE
EXAM...

PERRR-
FECT!

SAY
WHAT
YOU
SEE

TEE
HEE
HEE



I HAVE NEVER SWALLOWED BARIUM BEFORE!

LET'S SEE...ALL THAT'S LEFT IS BARIUM X-RAYS.



CONSULTATION FOR:
DOUBLE EYELIDS • NOSE • LIPS • ANTI-AGING • CONTOURING • FACE REDUCTION • JAW • HYALURONIC ACID



OH! I SEE
YOU'RE A
PREFERRED
PATIENT!

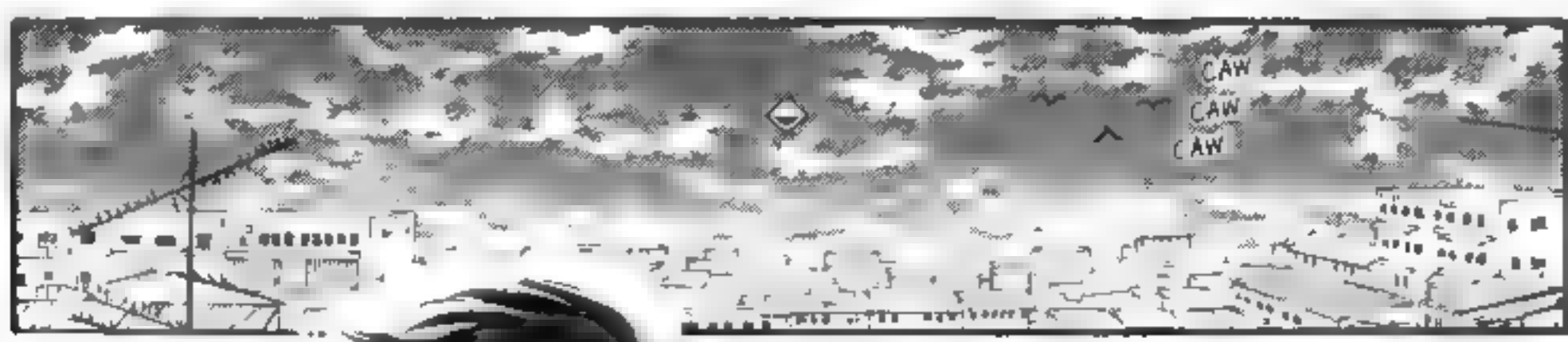
THANK
YOU! I'LL
NEED
TO SEE
YOUR I.D.
CARD...

ME
TOOOO!
♡

I'D
LIKE TO
MAKE AN
APPOINT-
MENT.

PLEEEASE!

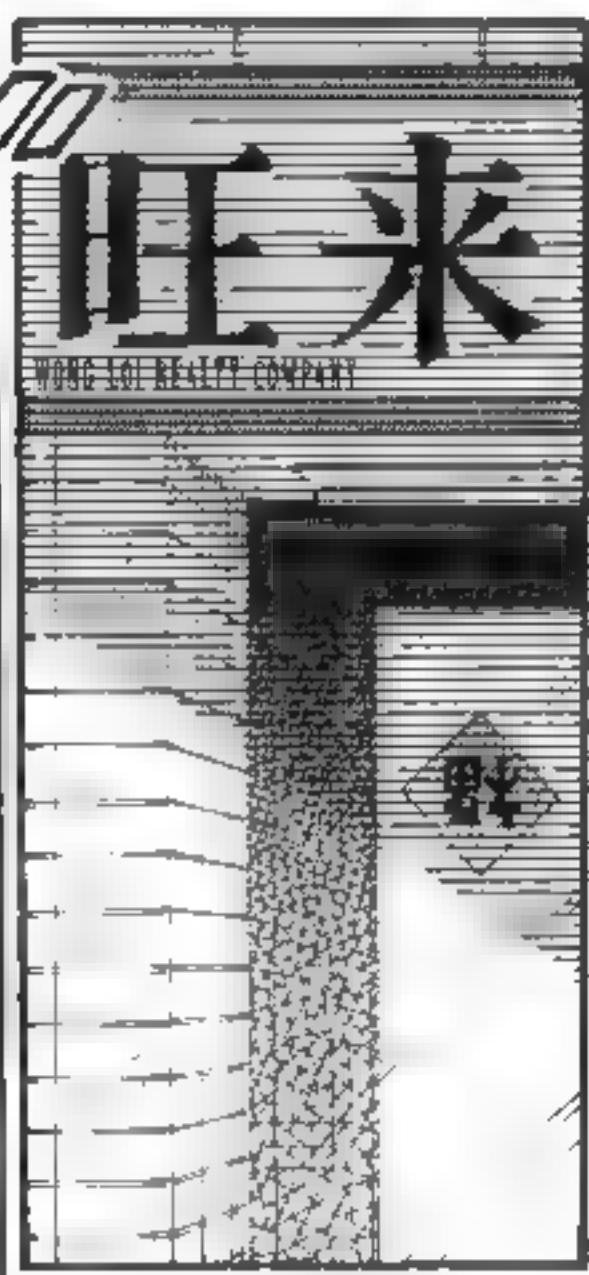
HEY, I'M
HUNGRY.



I'M
BACK.



GCHAK
旺来



SIGN: GOOD LUCK (UPSIDE DOWN)



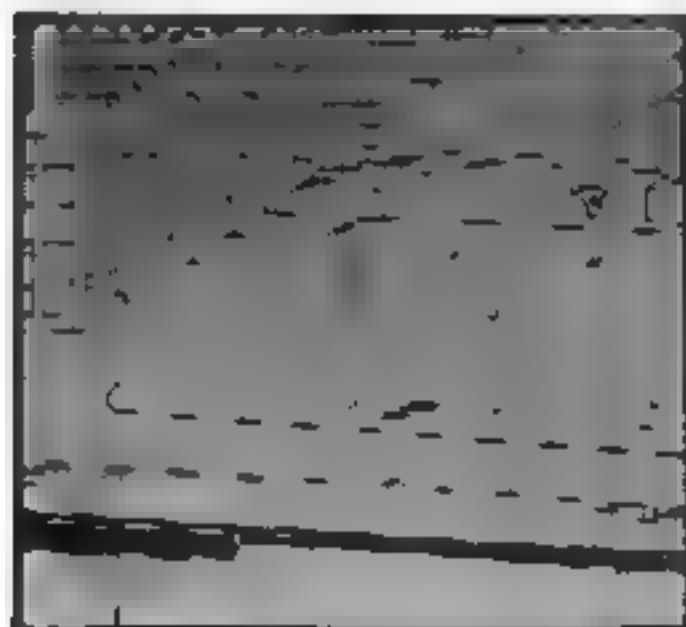
HEYA.

I'M LEAVING
AS SOON AS
I CHECK IT.

AH,
GOT
IT.

THERE'S
AN
E-MAIL I
WANT TO
VERIFY.

WHAT ARE
YOU DOIN'
HERE? YOU
DIDN'T NEED
TO COME IN
TODAY.



IT TAKES
FOUR
HOURS TO
WORK...I'LL
JUST TAKE
IT NOW.

GIMME
A
BREAK.

YOU
SHOULD
HAVE COME
WITH US!


MORE
IMPORTANTLY,
MR. KUDOU,
LOOK AT ALL
THE GOODIES
THEY GAVE
US AT THE
CHECKUP.

...SHEESH,
IT'S LIKE YOU
WENT TO
WATCH SUMO
OR SOME-
THING...

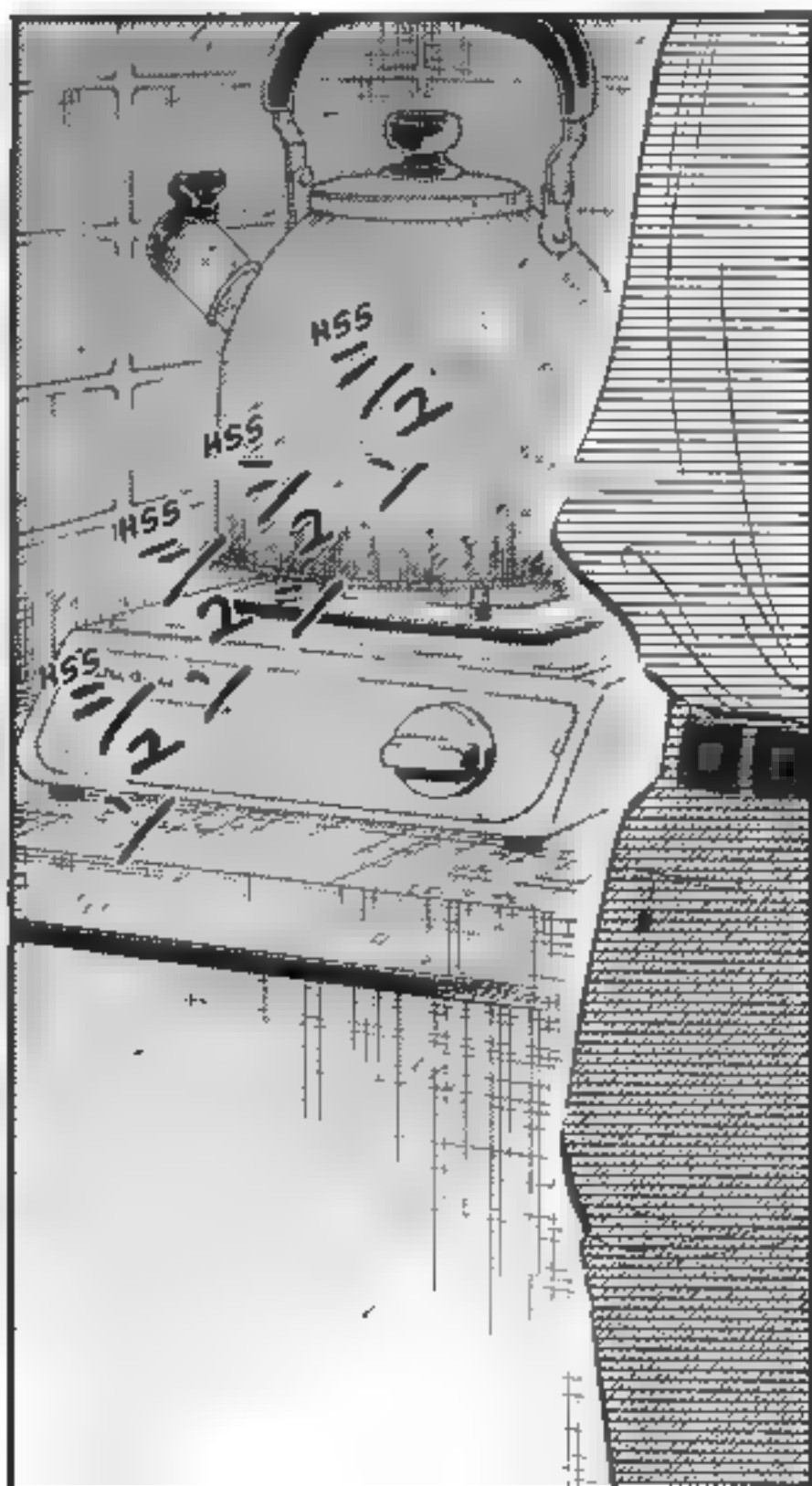
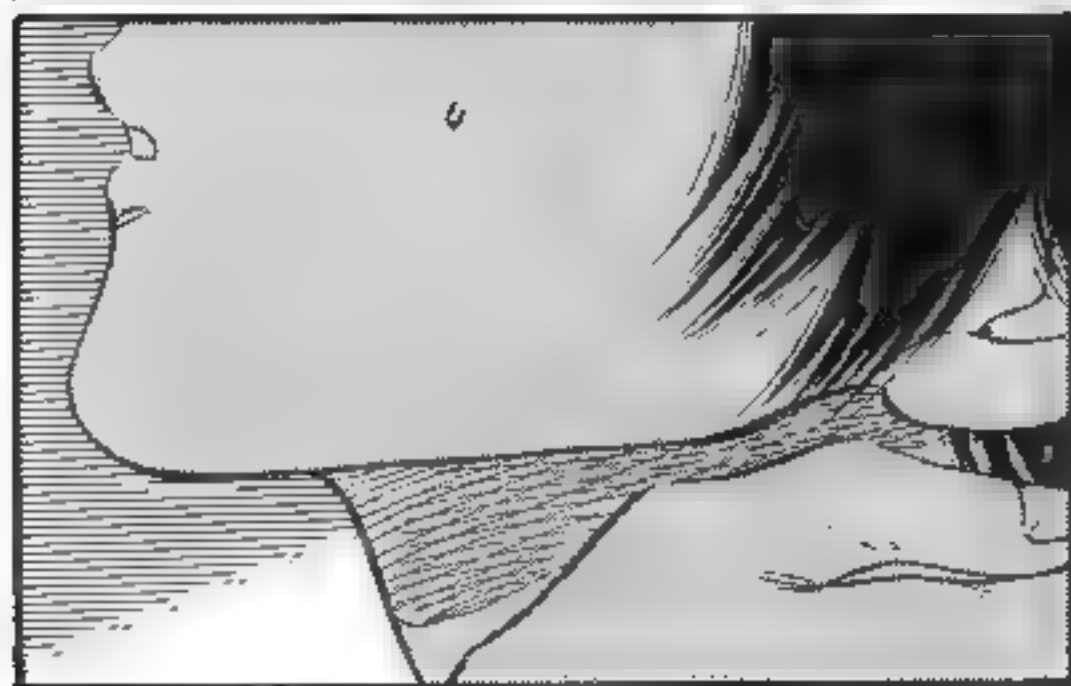
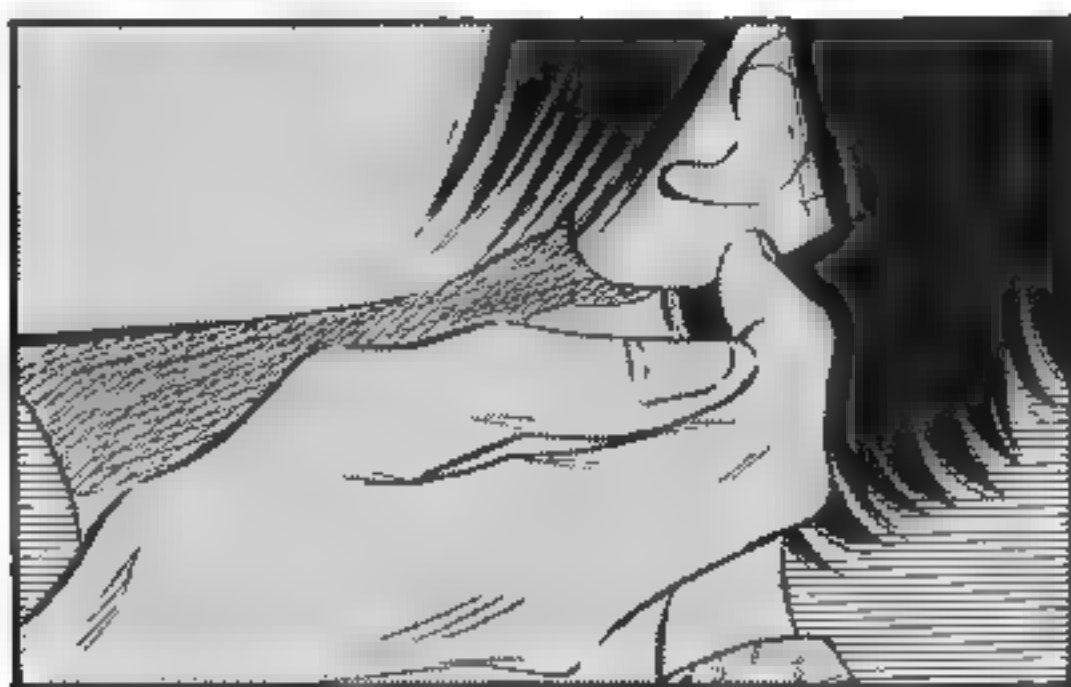
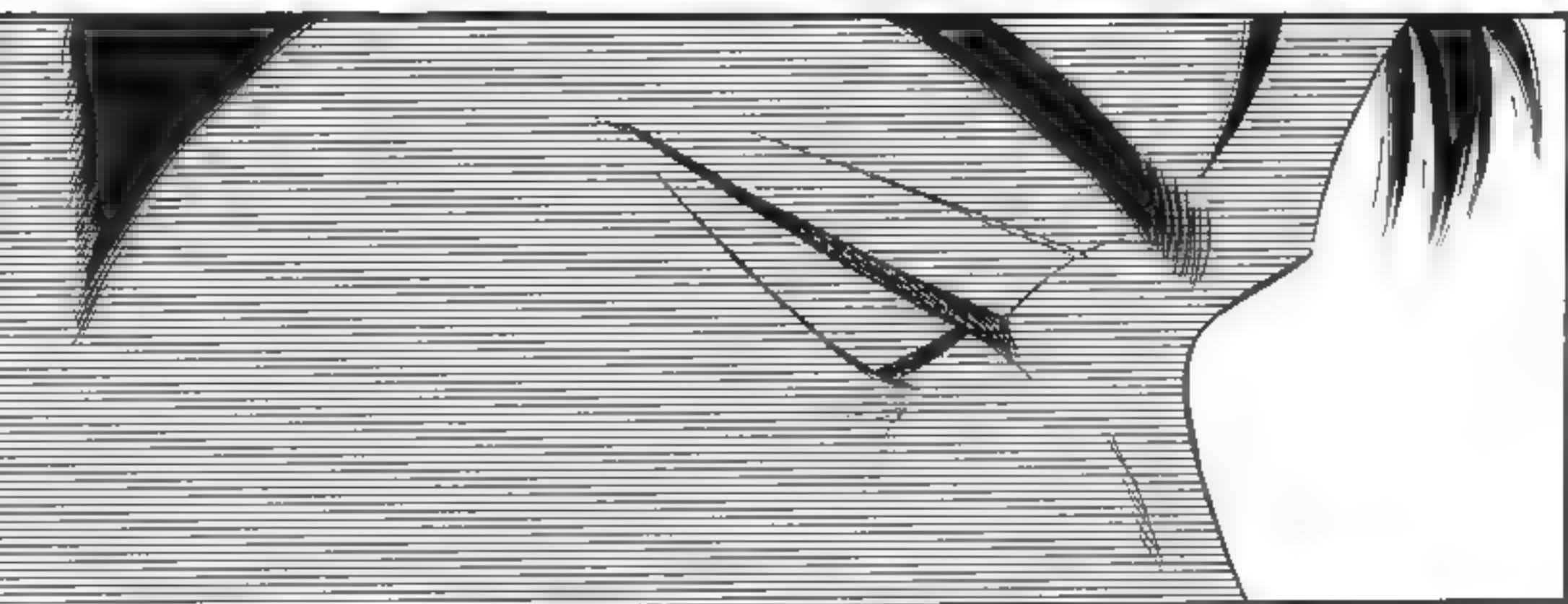
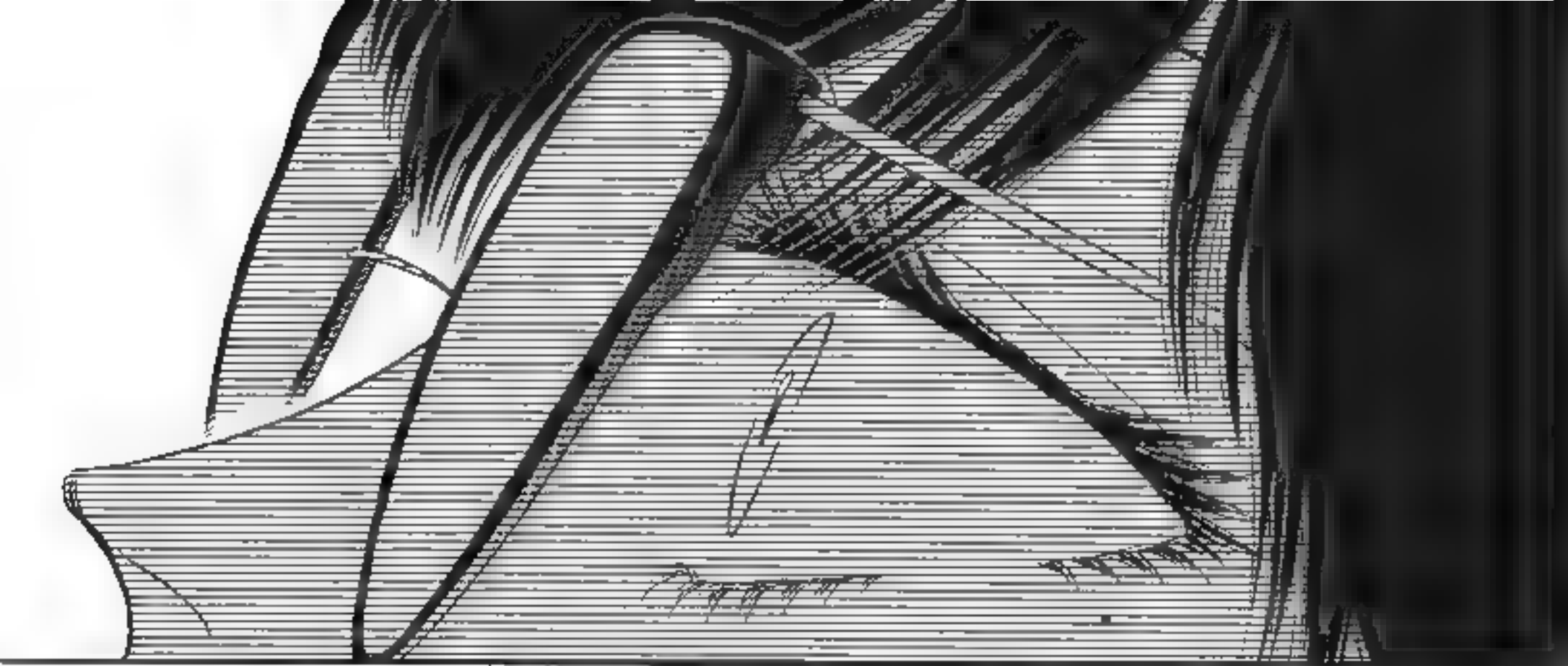
AAAA.
YOUR POOP'S
GONNA BE
WHITE.

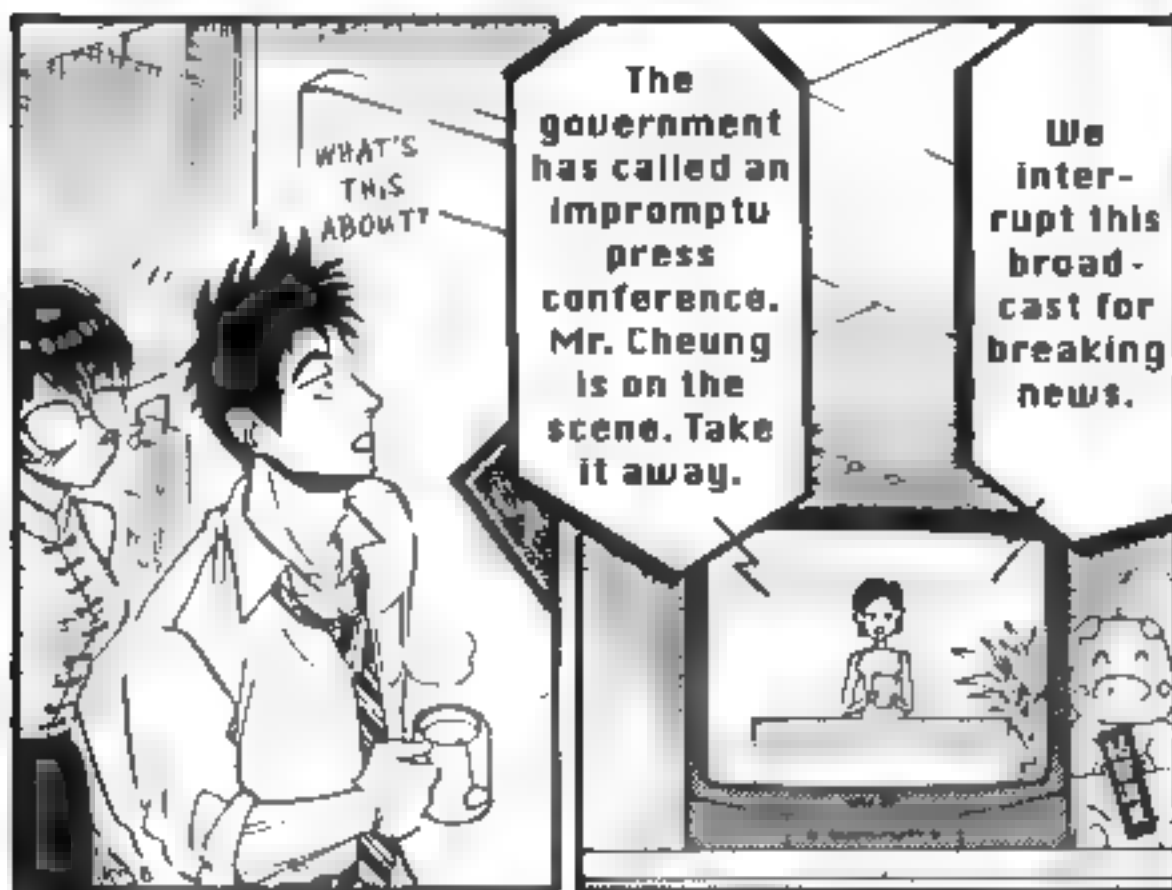
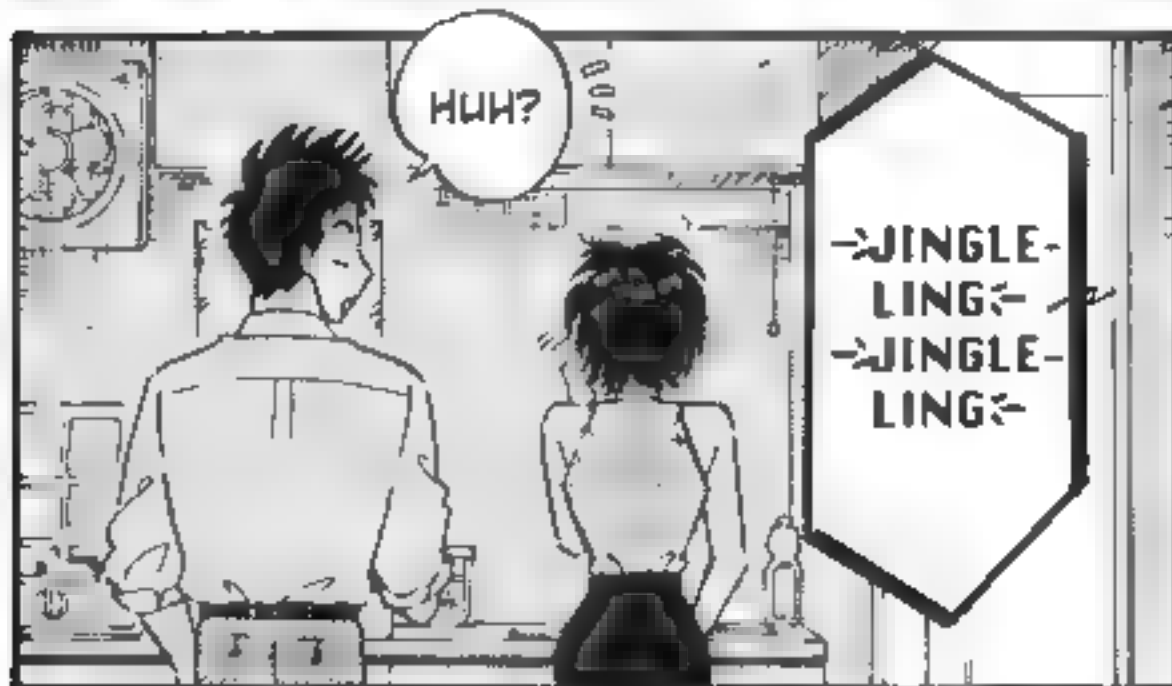
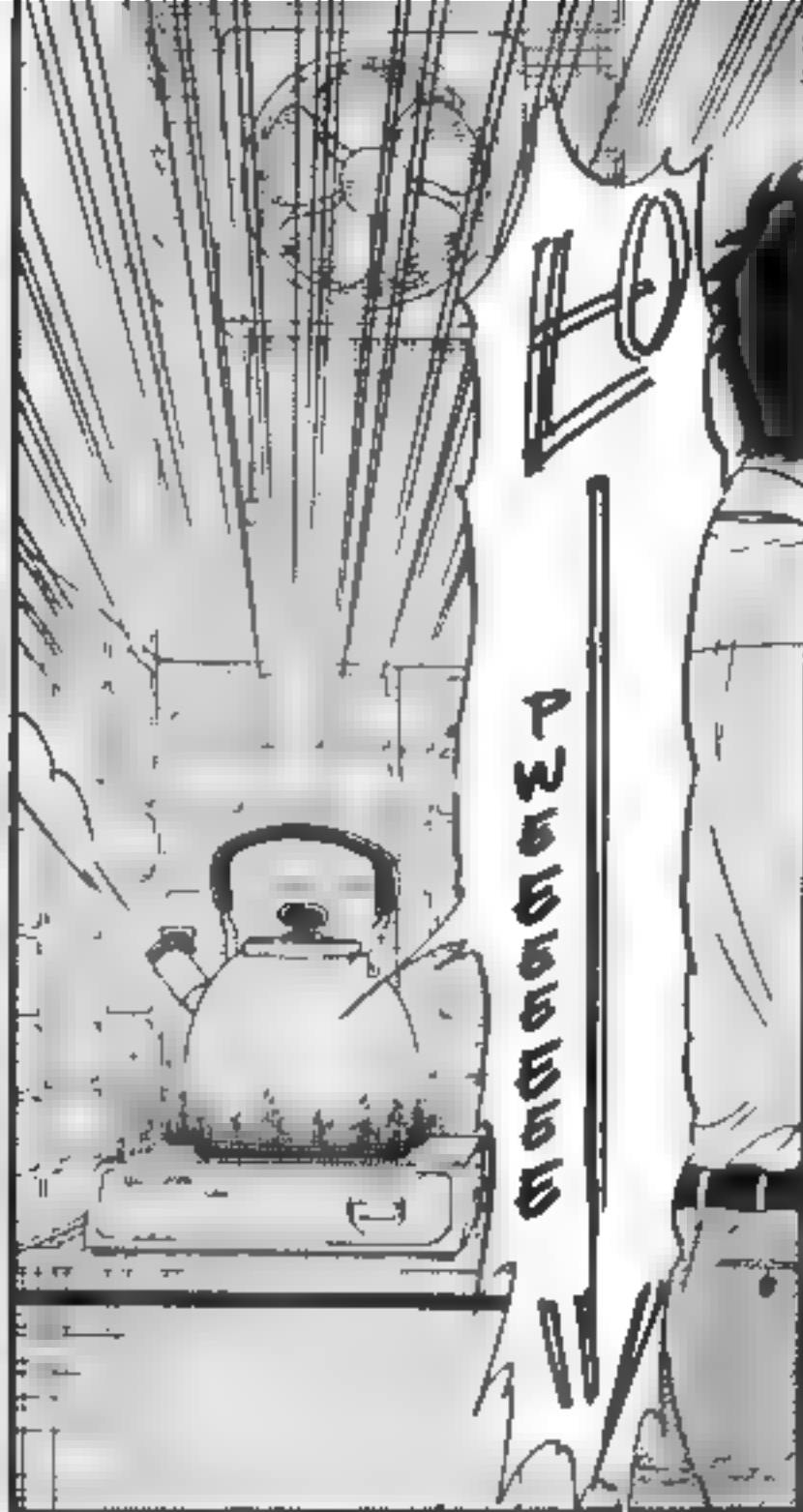
A
LAXATIVE
TO FLUSH
THE
BARIUM.





EARS
AREN'T
PIERCED
ARE
THEY...





Ah! The
lights
have just
turned on!



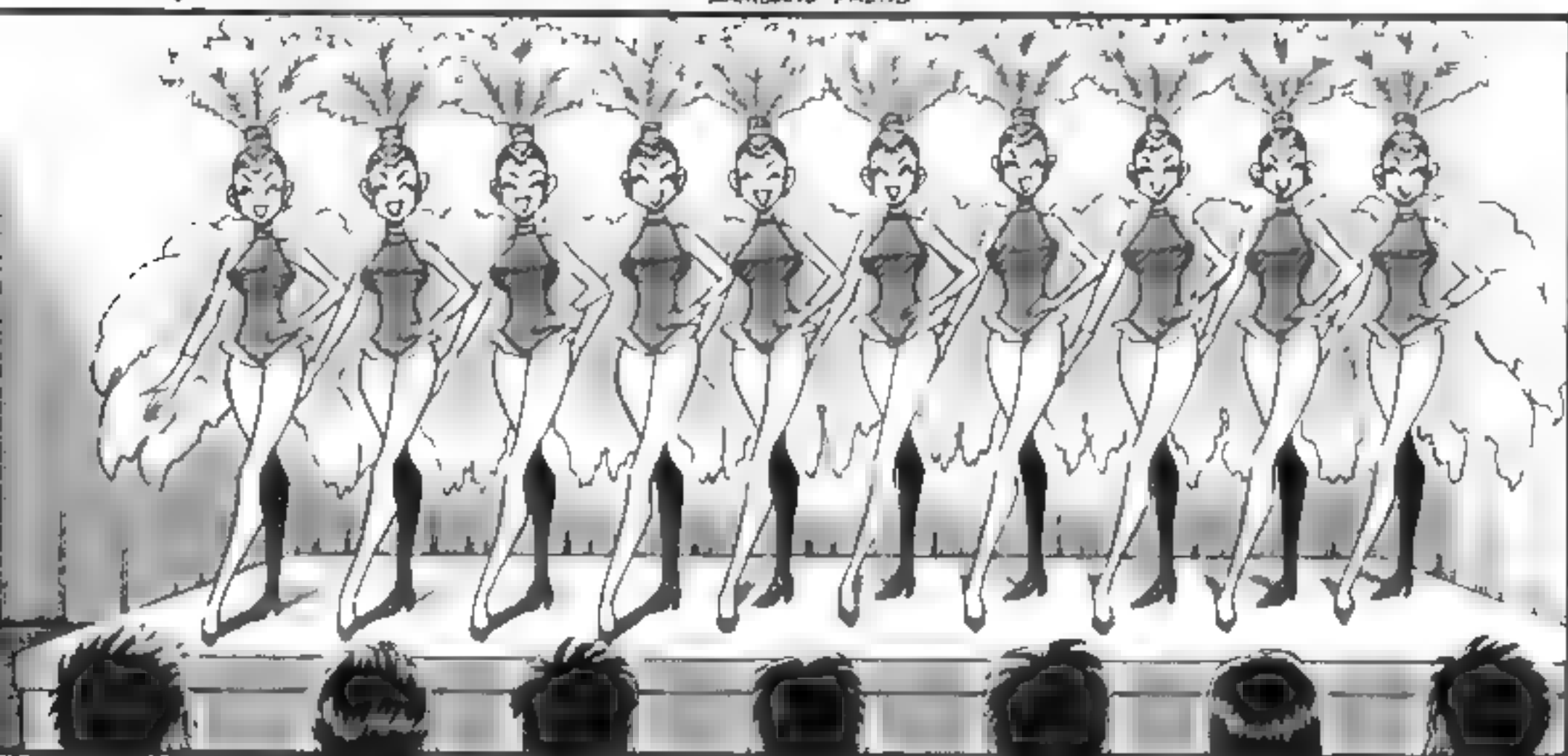
MURMUR
おわ

...both
literally and
figuratively
as we
await more
information.

We're
here live at
the press
conference.
As you can
see, the
members of
the media
are in the
dark...



ARMBAND PRESS



LADIES
AND
GENTLE-
MEN.



**...MIYUKI
HEBI-
NUMA.**

**HOW
ARE YOU?
I AM THE
HEBINUMA
GROUP'S
REPRESENTA-
TIVE
DIRECTOR...**

BAM

**I incredible!
A private
business
taking
part in a
government
project!**

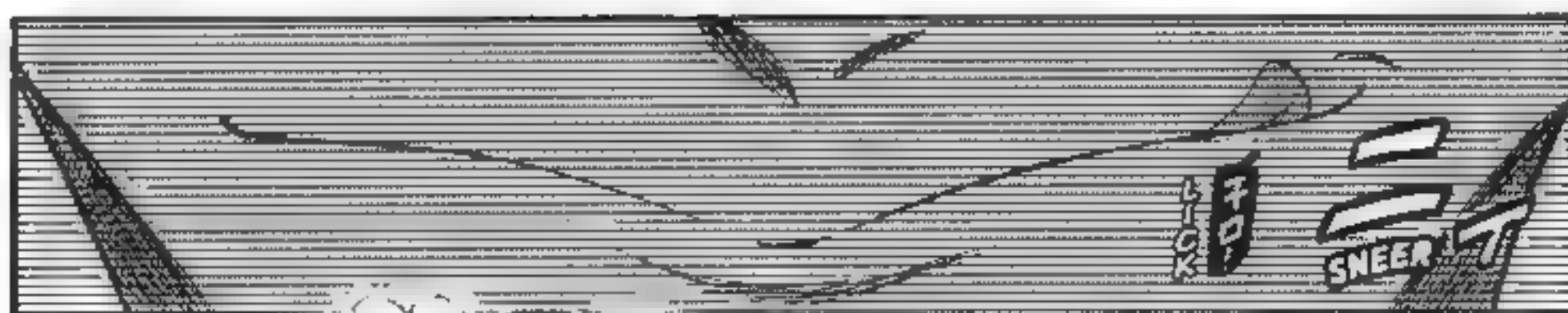
**This is
major
news!!**

MURMUR

**TODAY,
THE HEBINUMA
GROUP IS
PLEASED TO
ANNOUNCE OUR
PARTICIPATION
IN THE
GENERIC TERRA
CONSTRUCTION
PROJECT IN
AN ADVISORY
CAPACITY.**

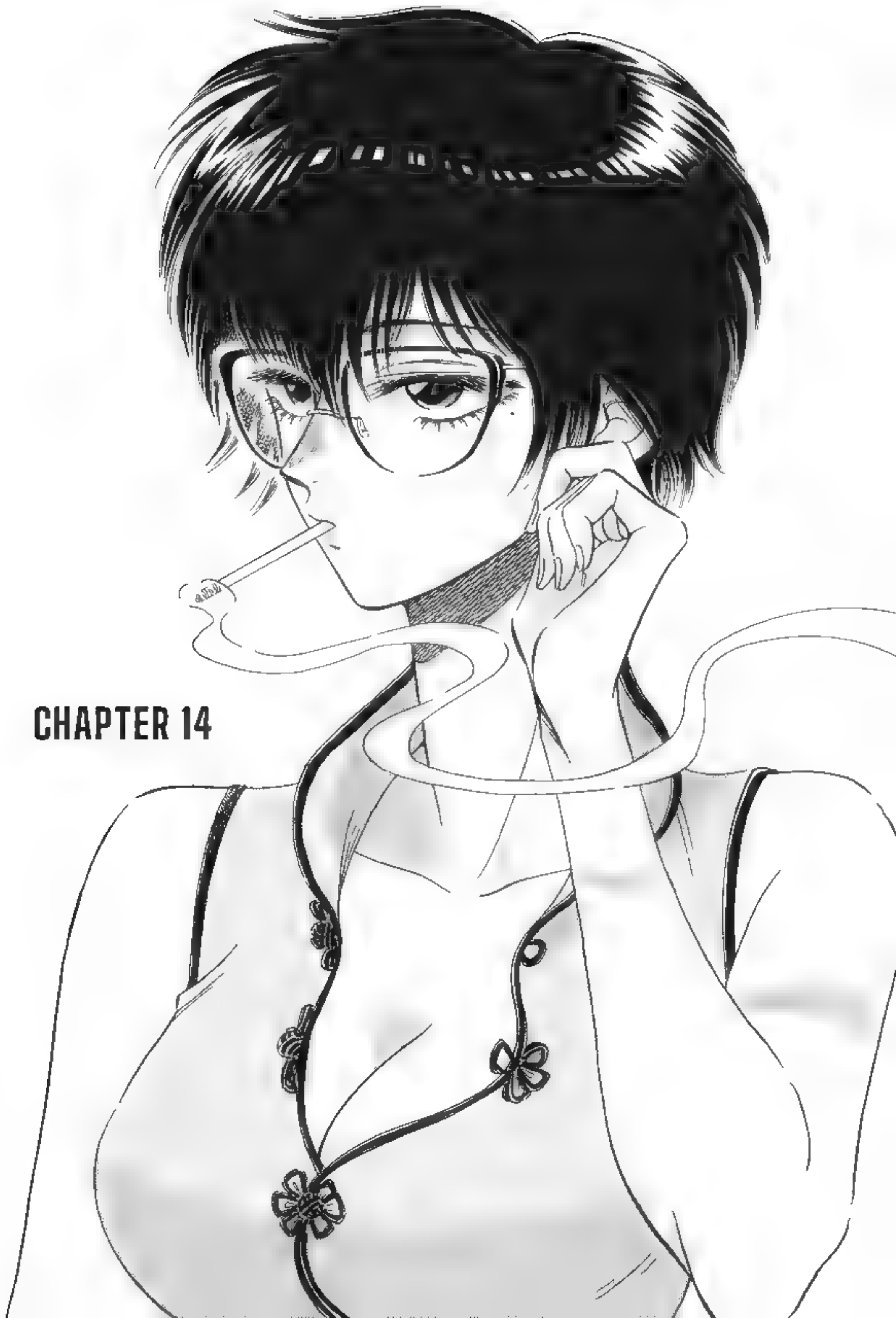
**...THE
HEBINUMA
GROUP
WILL BE
WITH YOU
EVERY
STEP OF
THE WAY.**

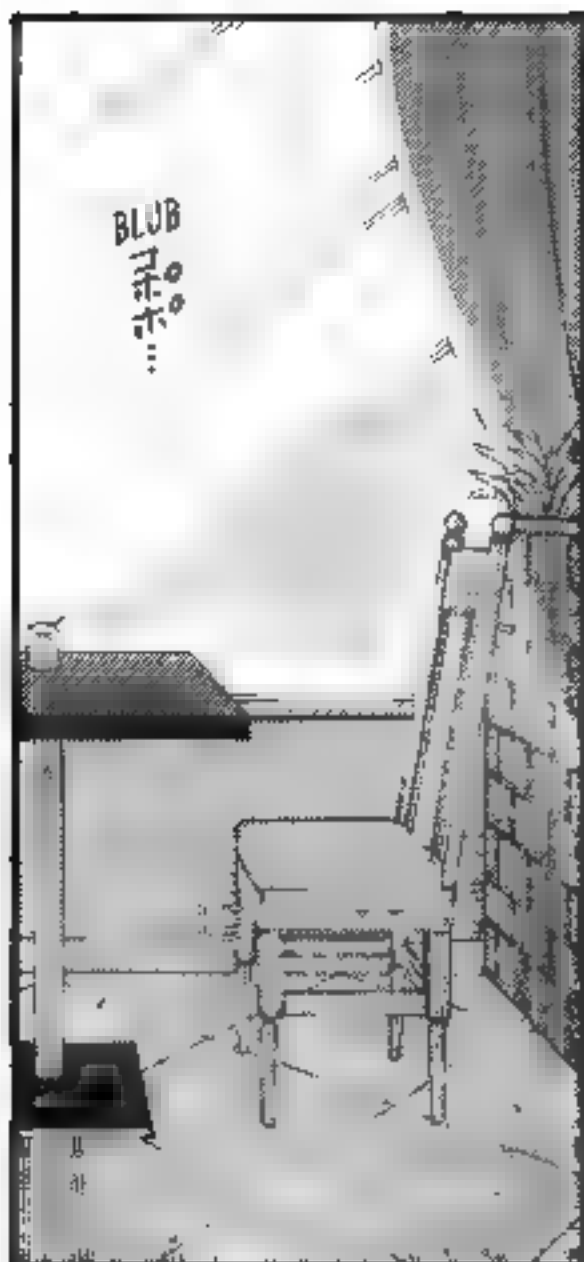
**FROM
THE
CRADLE
TO THE
GRAVE...**





CHAPTER 14





WHY?

WHAT?
HE
QUIT?

I ONLY
STARTED
HERE
TODAY...

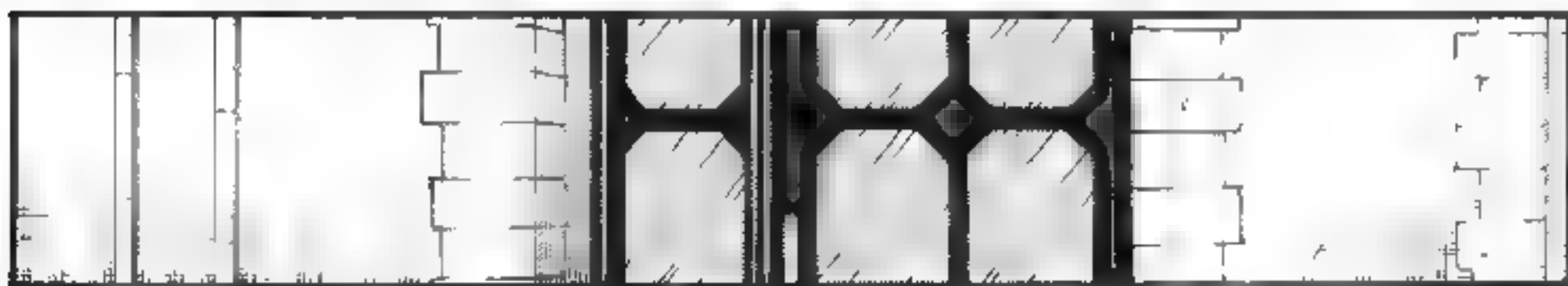
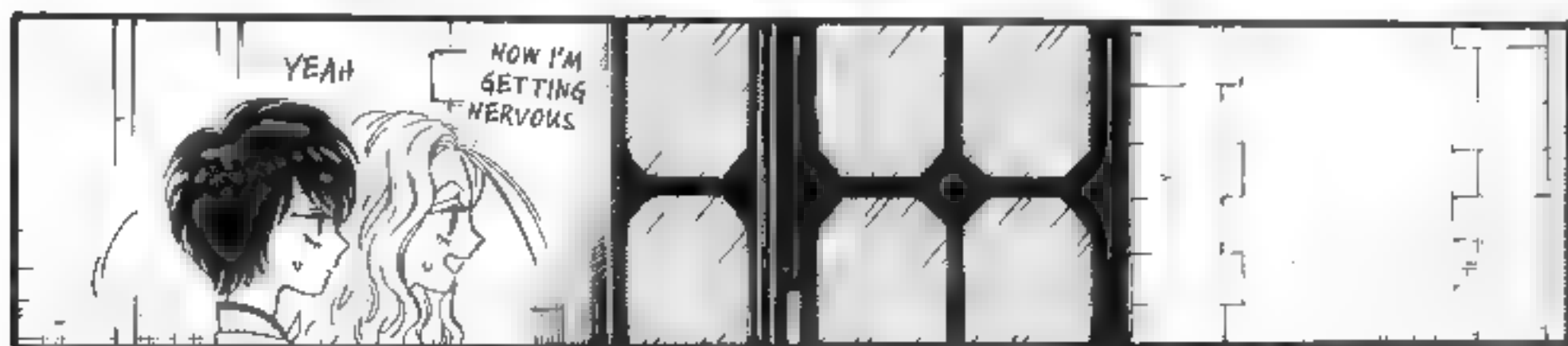
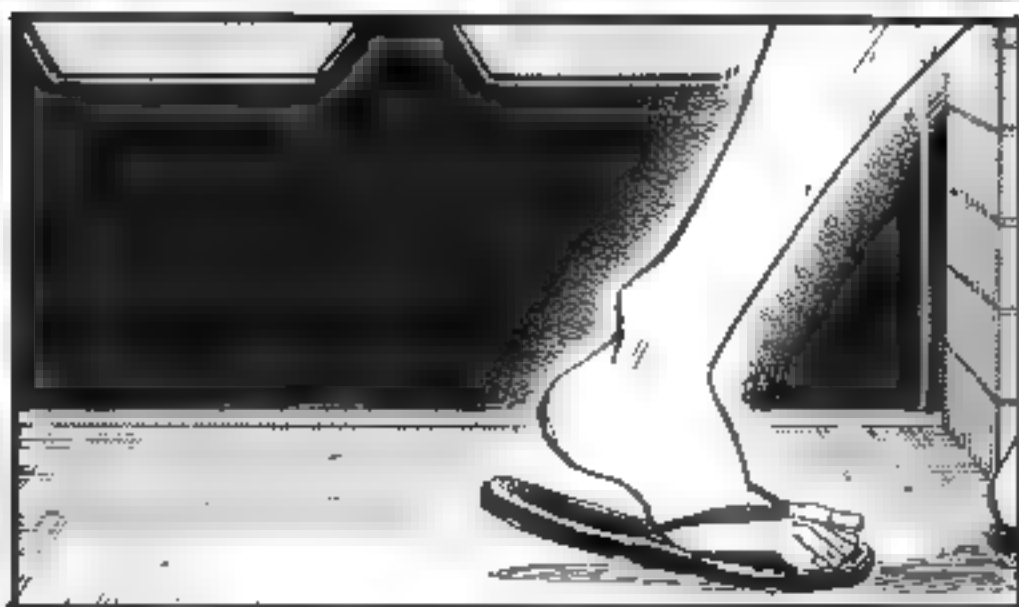
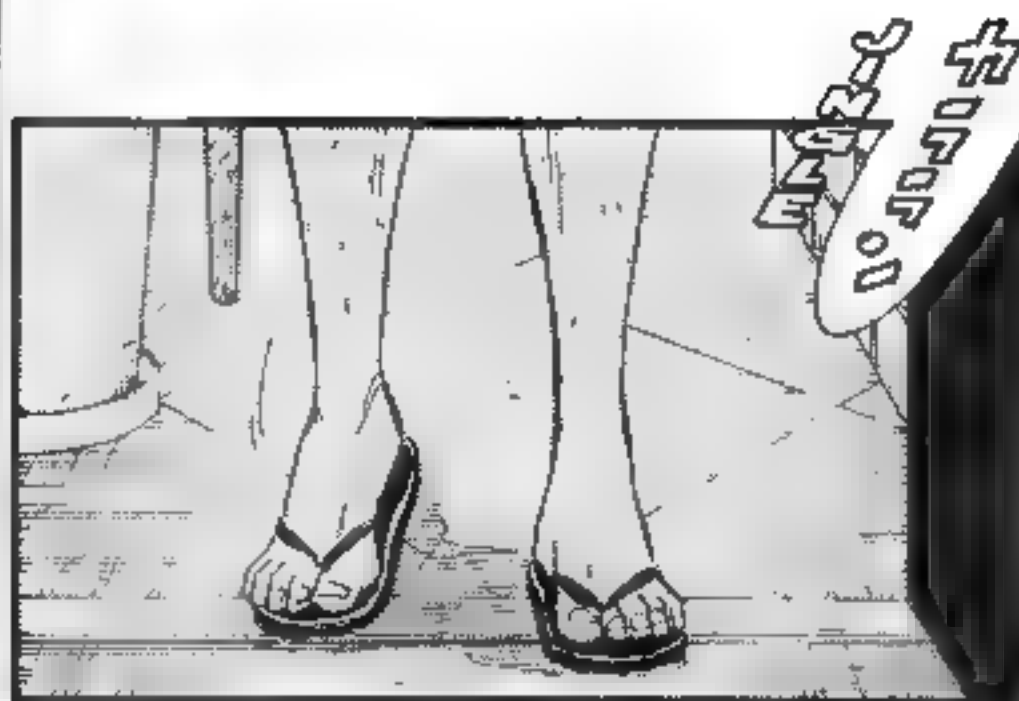
I'M AFRAID
I DON'T
KNOW HIS
REASONS...

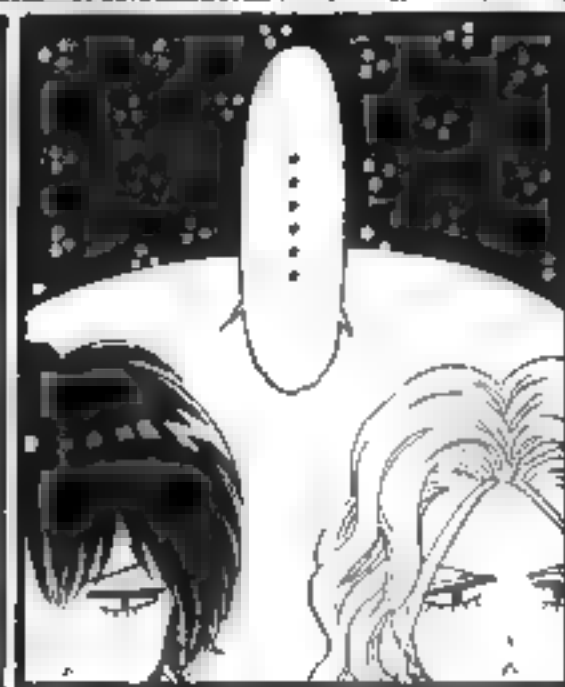
WE
HOPE TO
SEE YOU
AGAIN!

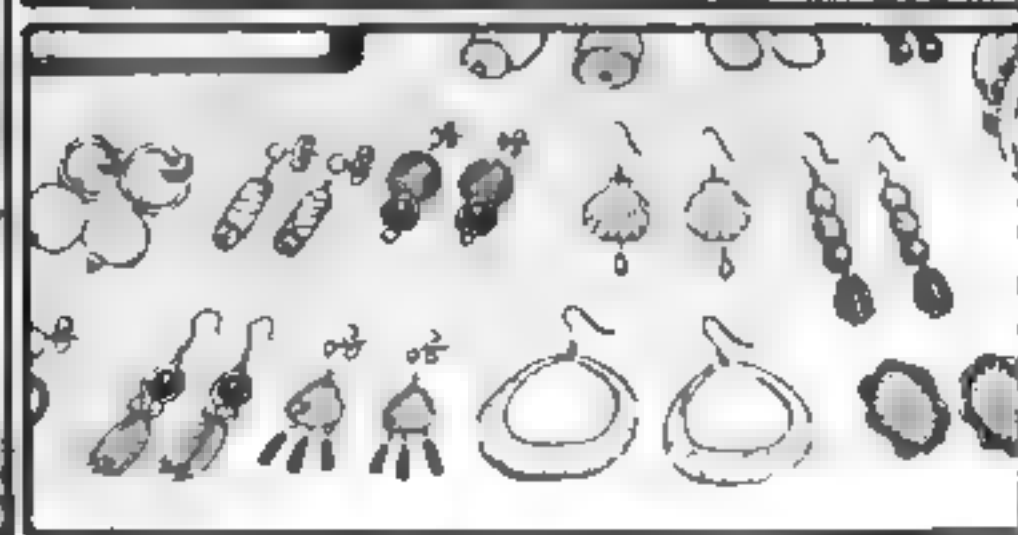
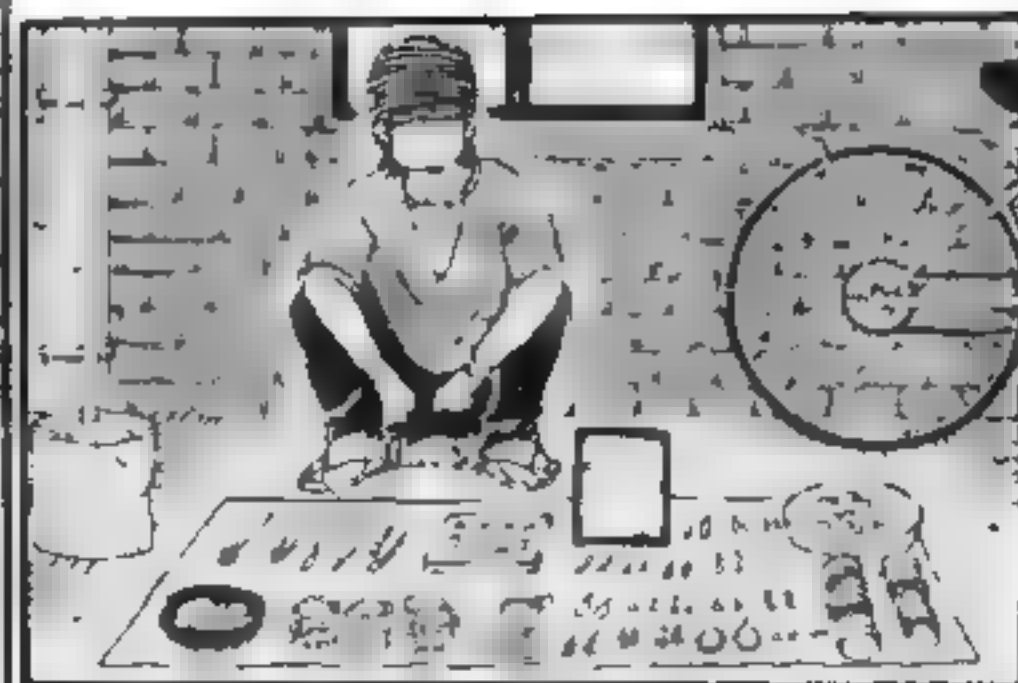
AH...NAH,
I'M LEAVING
FOR TODAY.
SORRY.

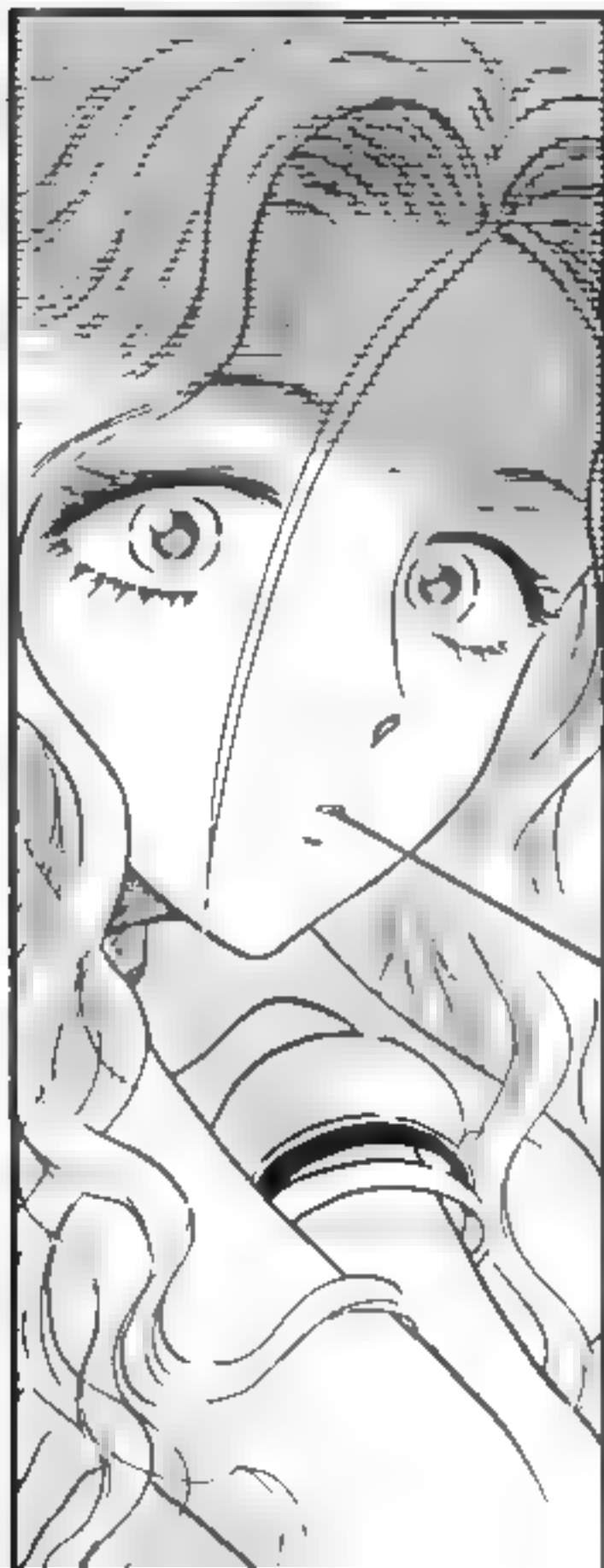
MAY
I TAKE
YOUR
ORDER,
SIR?

"MR.
KUDOU!"







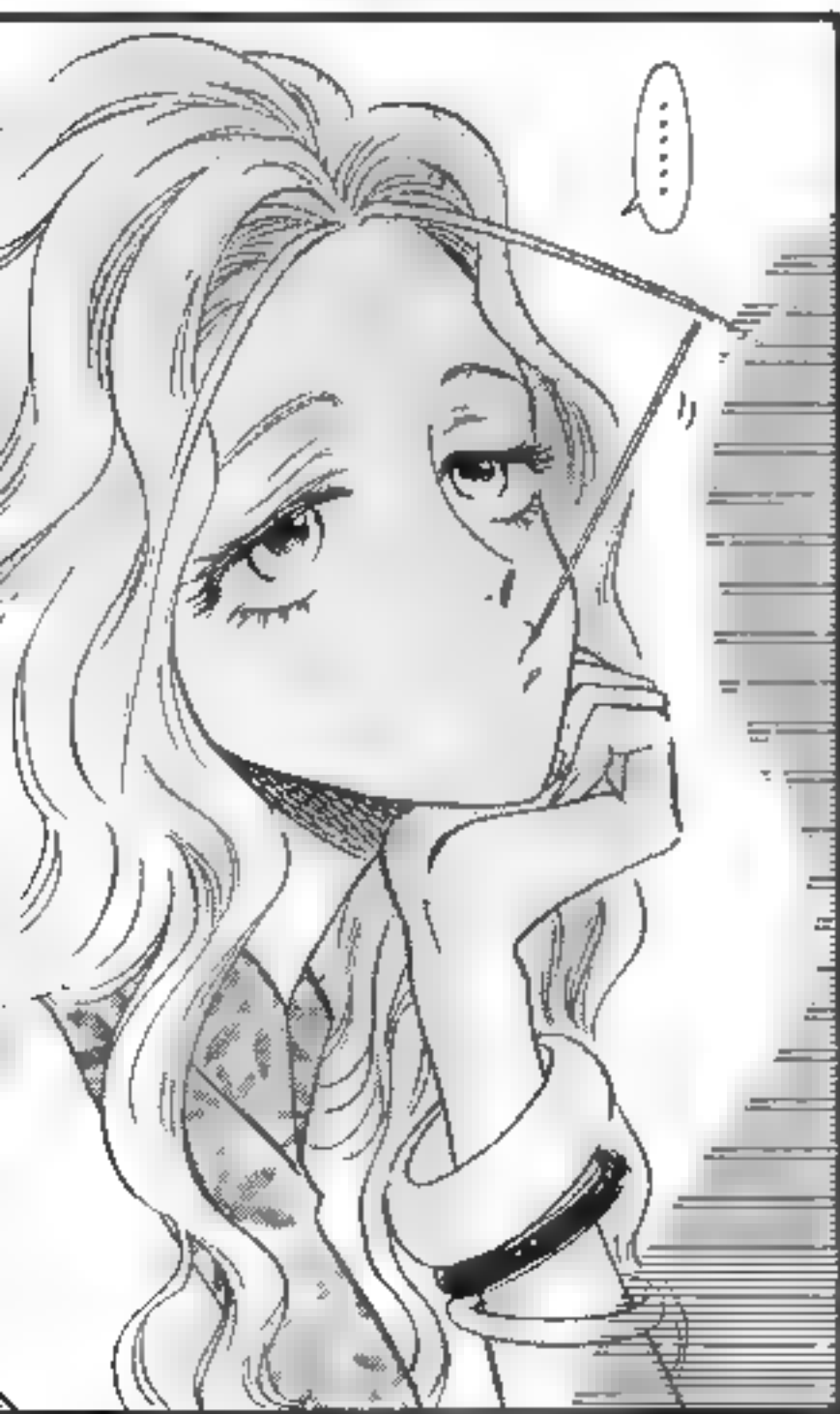
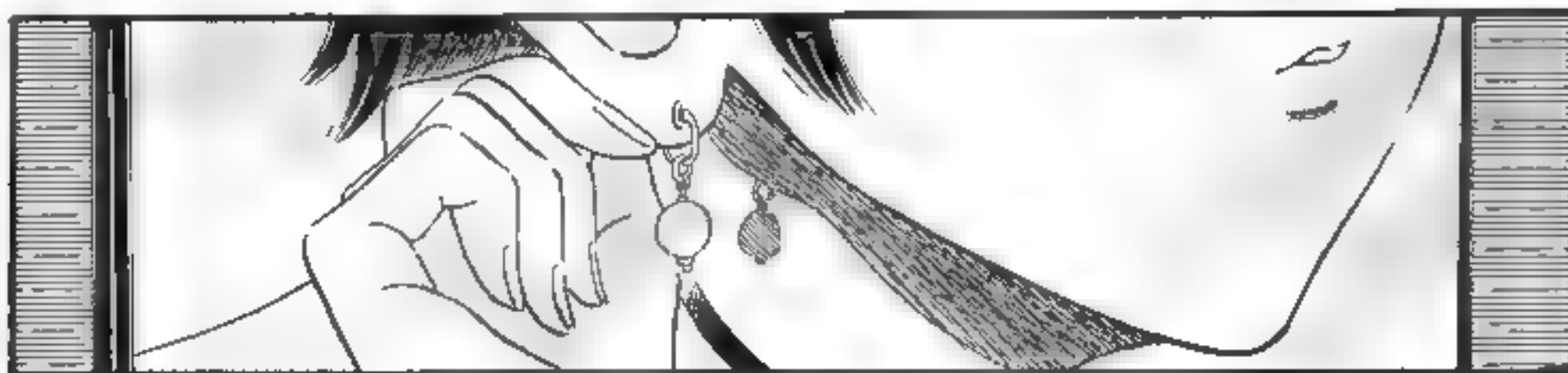


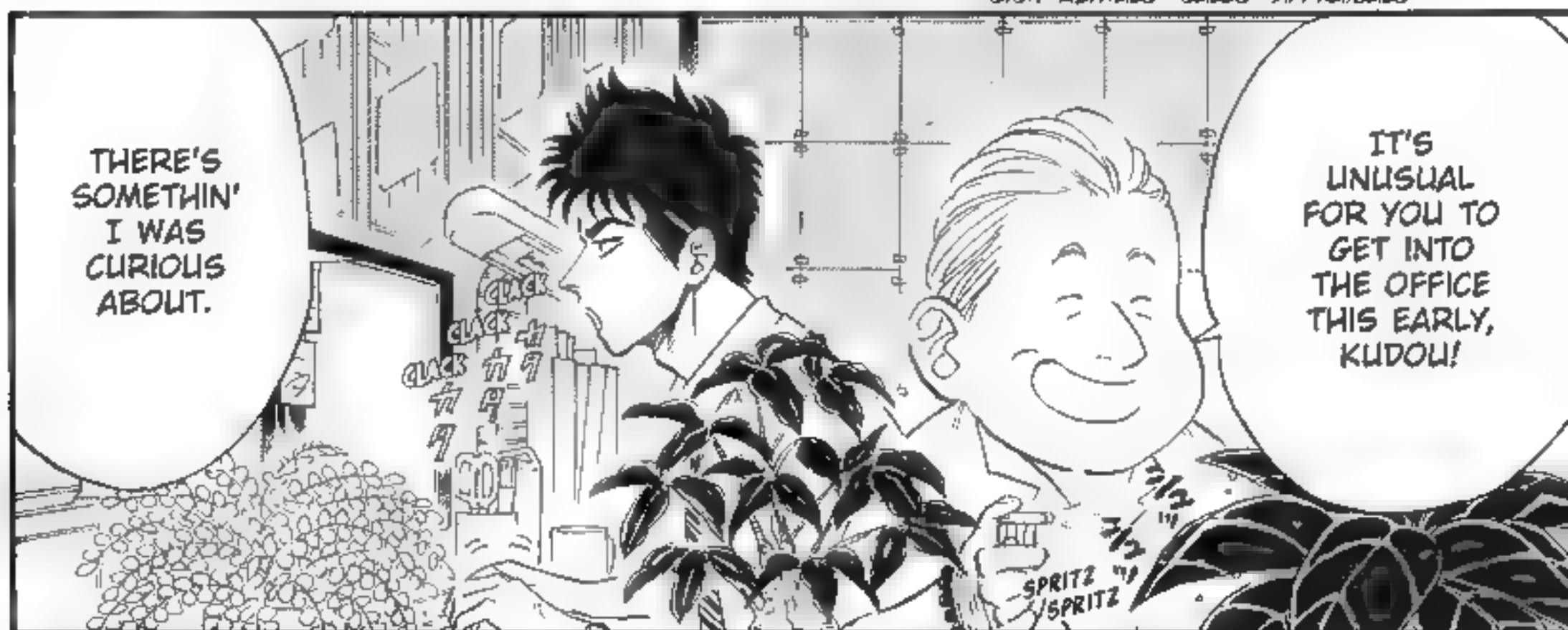
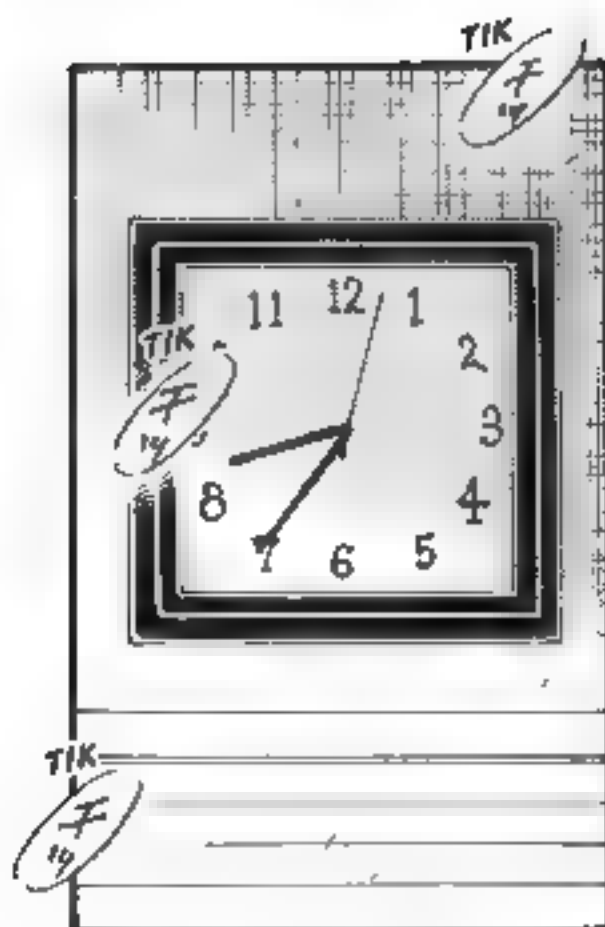
THIS
PAIR
LOOKS
THE
MOST
LIKE
KUJIRAI
B'S.



FF
!!
!!
!!
CLICK

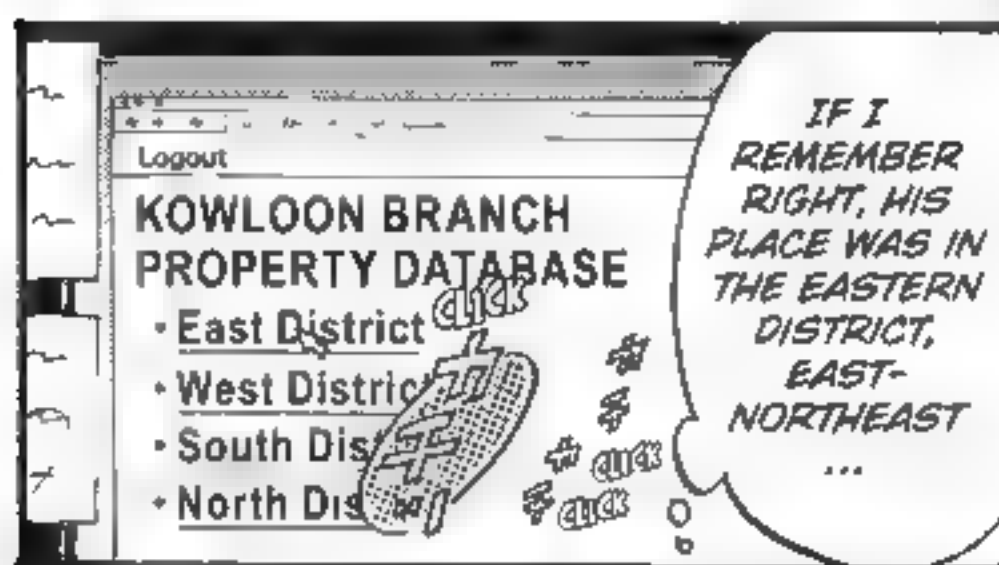
... MAYBE THIS ONE.



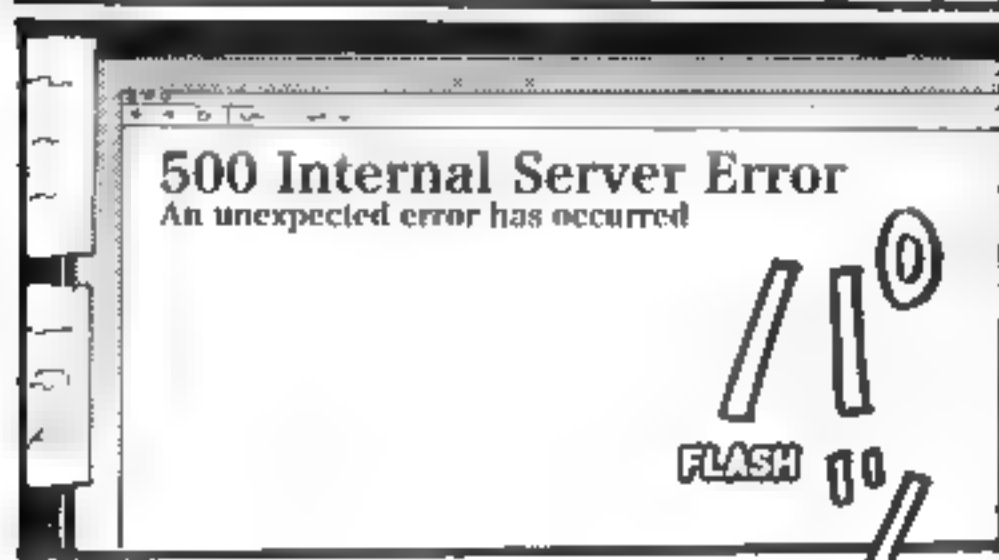


THERE'S SOMETHIN' I WAS CURIOUS ABOUT.

IT'S UNUSUAL FOR YOU TO GET INTO THE OFFICE THIS EARLY, KUDOU!



IF I REMEMBER RIGHT, HIS PLACE WAS IN THE EASTERN DISTRICT, EAST-NORTHEAST ...

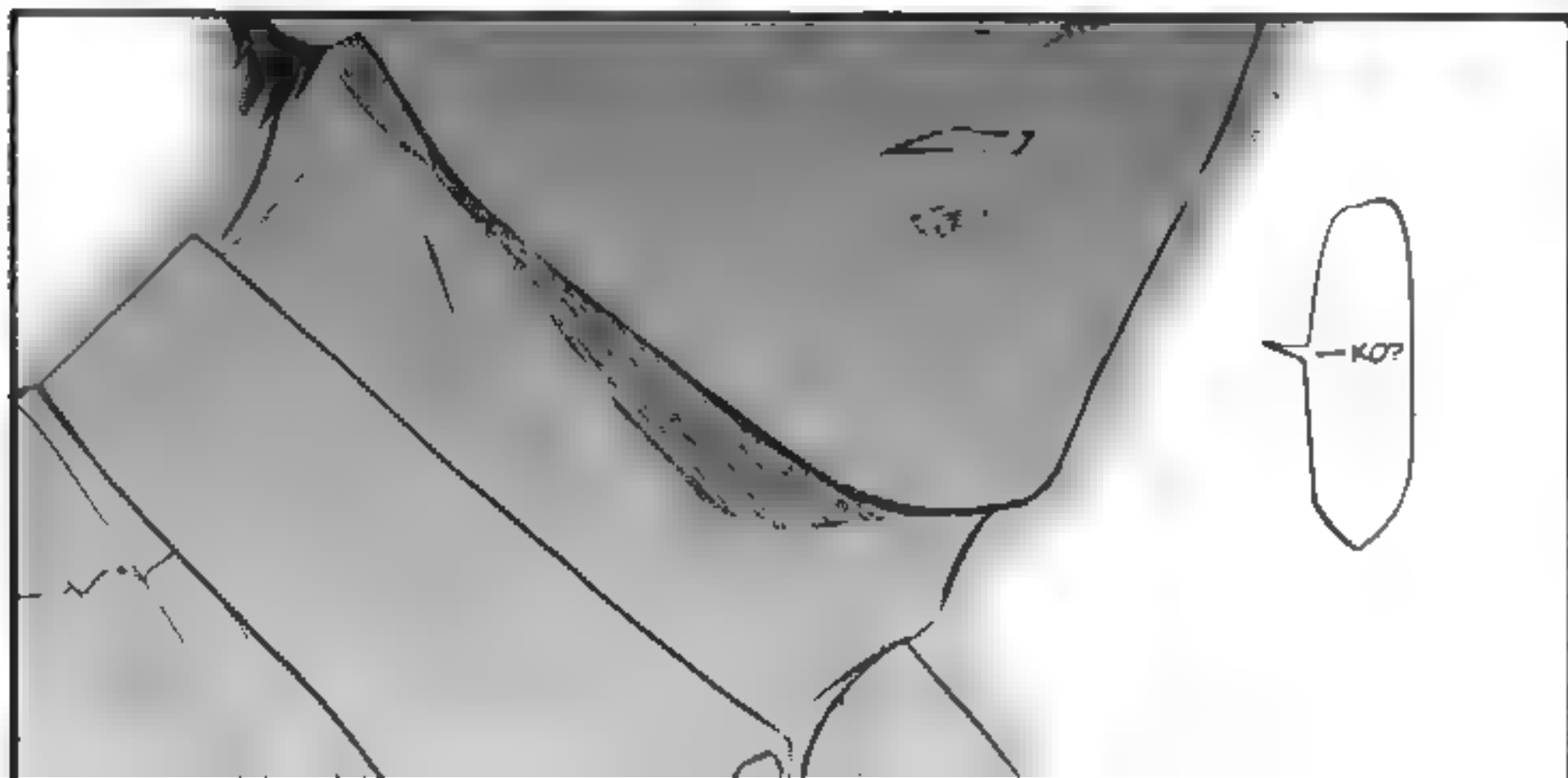


I WAS THE REALTOR WHO GOT HIM HIS PLACE. HE WOULDN'T HAVE MOVED TOO, RIGHT? NO WAY.

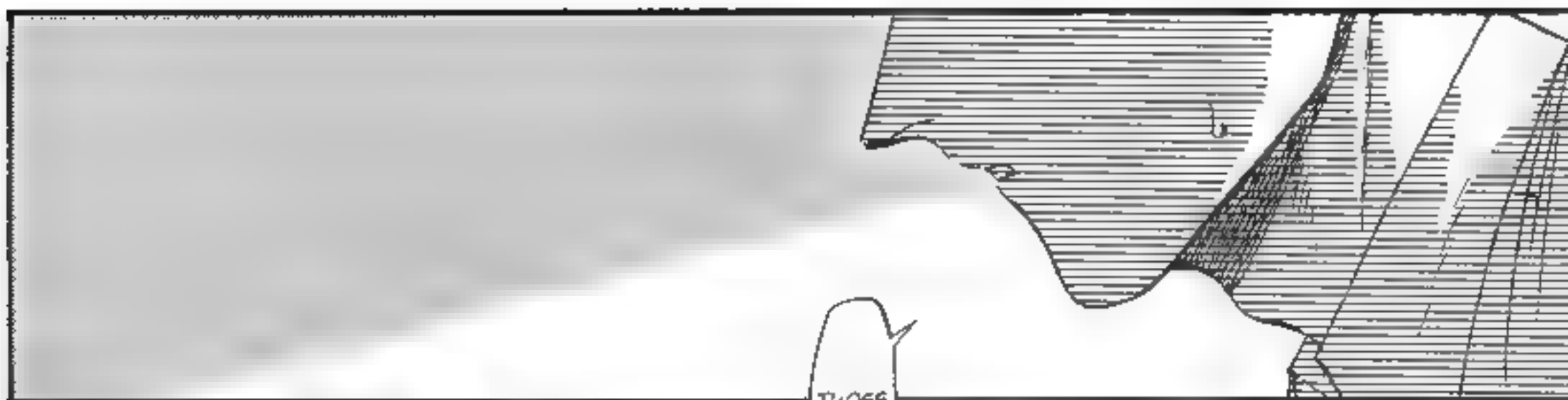


WHAT...?
I'VE NEVER
SEEN THIS
ERROR
BEFORE.

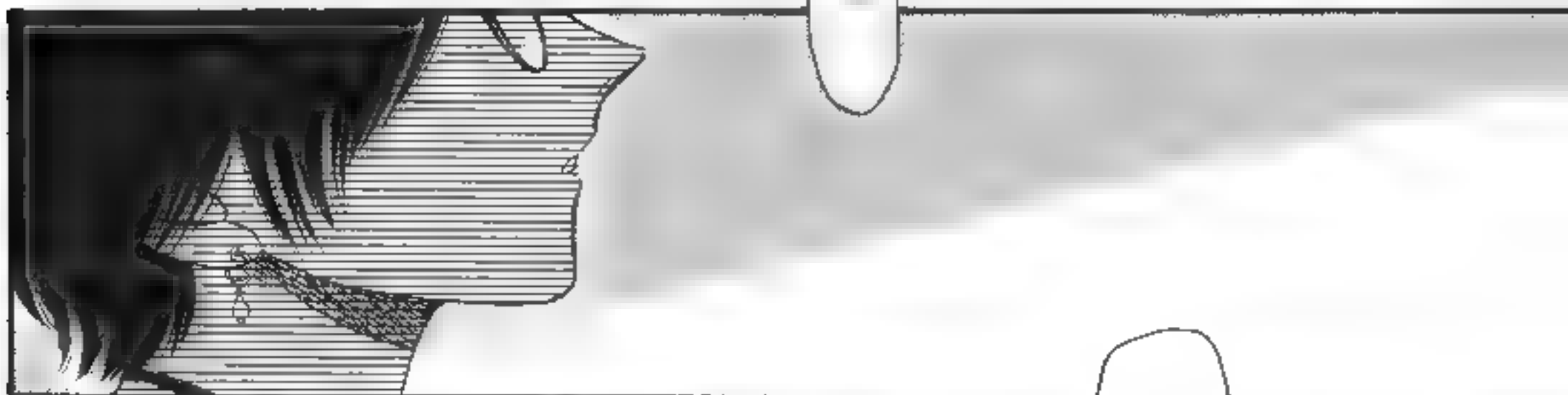




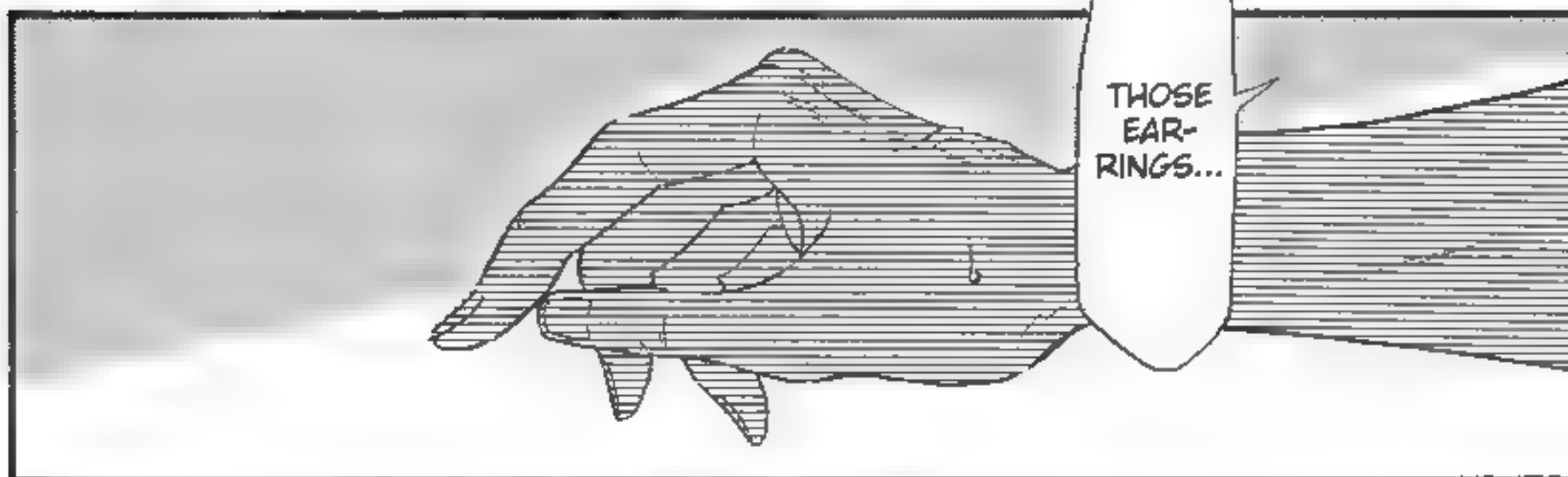




THOSE



THOSE
EAR-
RINGS...



OH, I'M
ACTUALLY
WEARING
CLIP-ONS,
MR.
KUDOU.



IT
SEEMED
LIKE A
NICE
CHANGE
OF
PA—



I SAW
THEM AT
A STREET
STALL AND
THOUGHT
THEY WERE
CUTE.



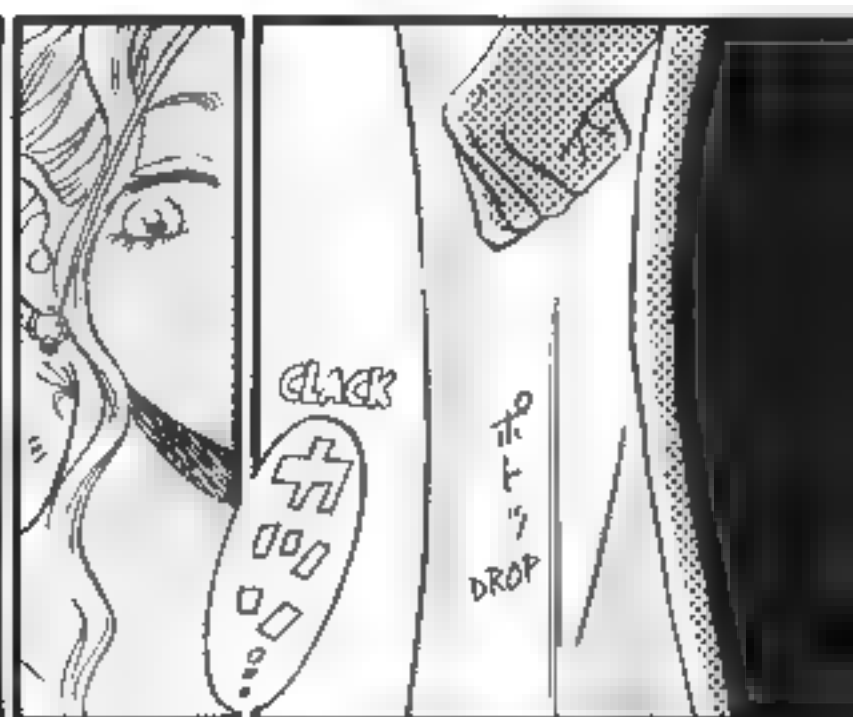
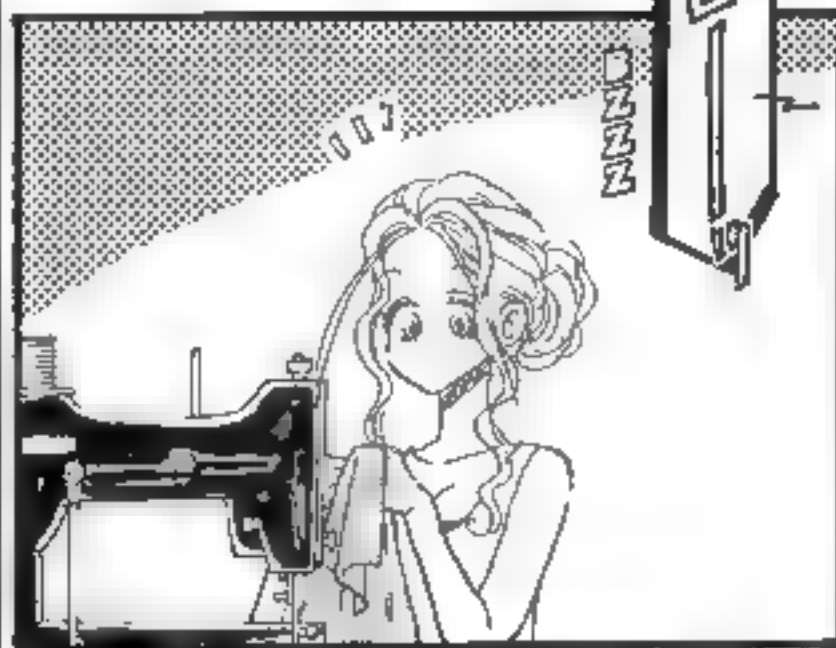
SIGN: GOOD LUCK



DON'T
TRY
AND PULL
THAT
BULLSHIT
ON ME.







...AND
THERE'S
NO
POINT IN
GETTING
HIM TO
LOOK AT
ME BY
DRESSING
THIS
WAY...!

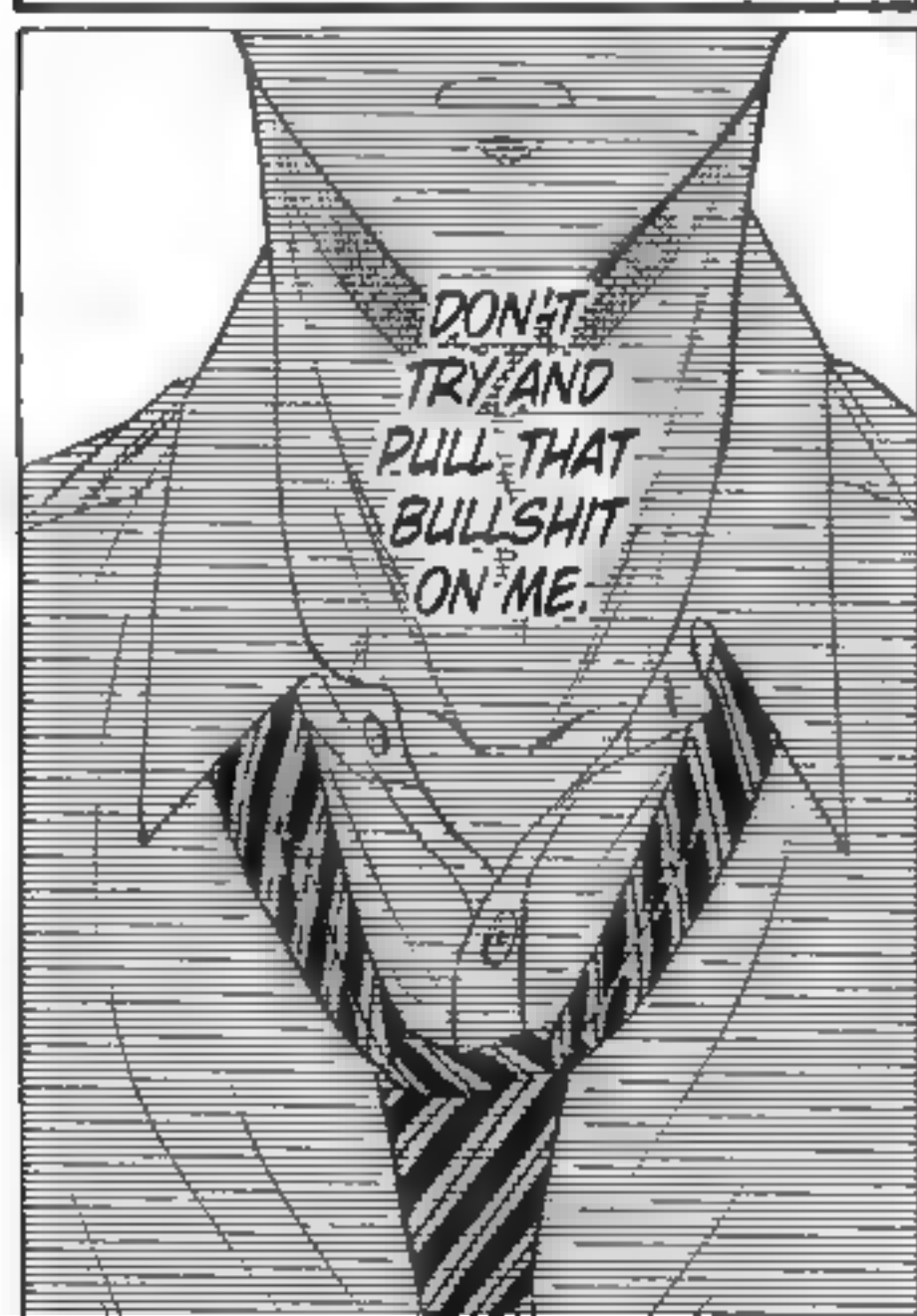
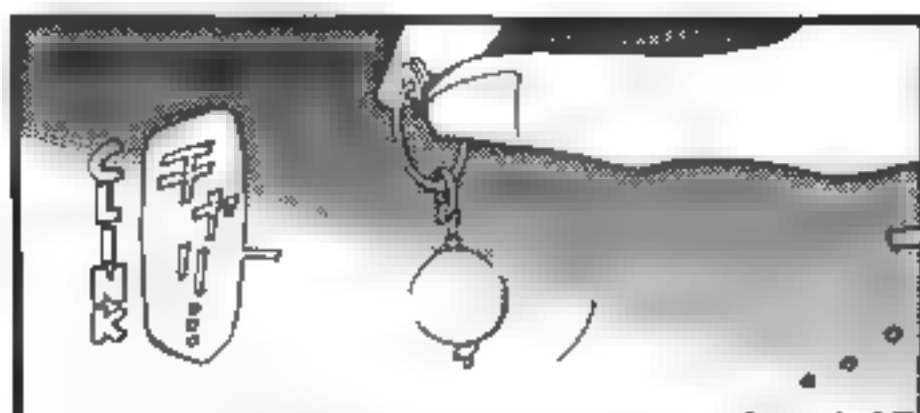
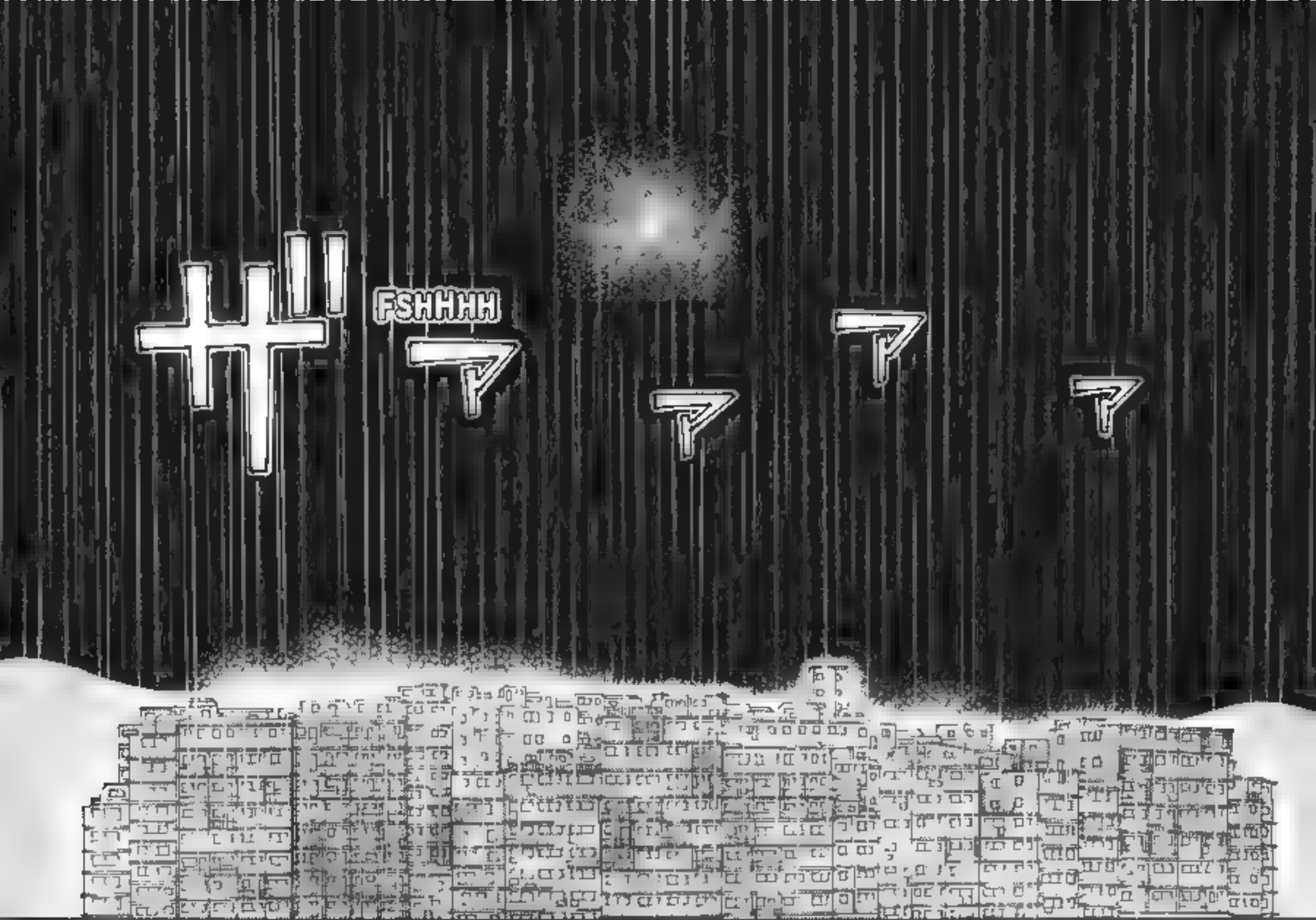
IT'S
NOT
LIKE I
WANTED
TO SEE
HIM
MAKE
THAT
FACE...

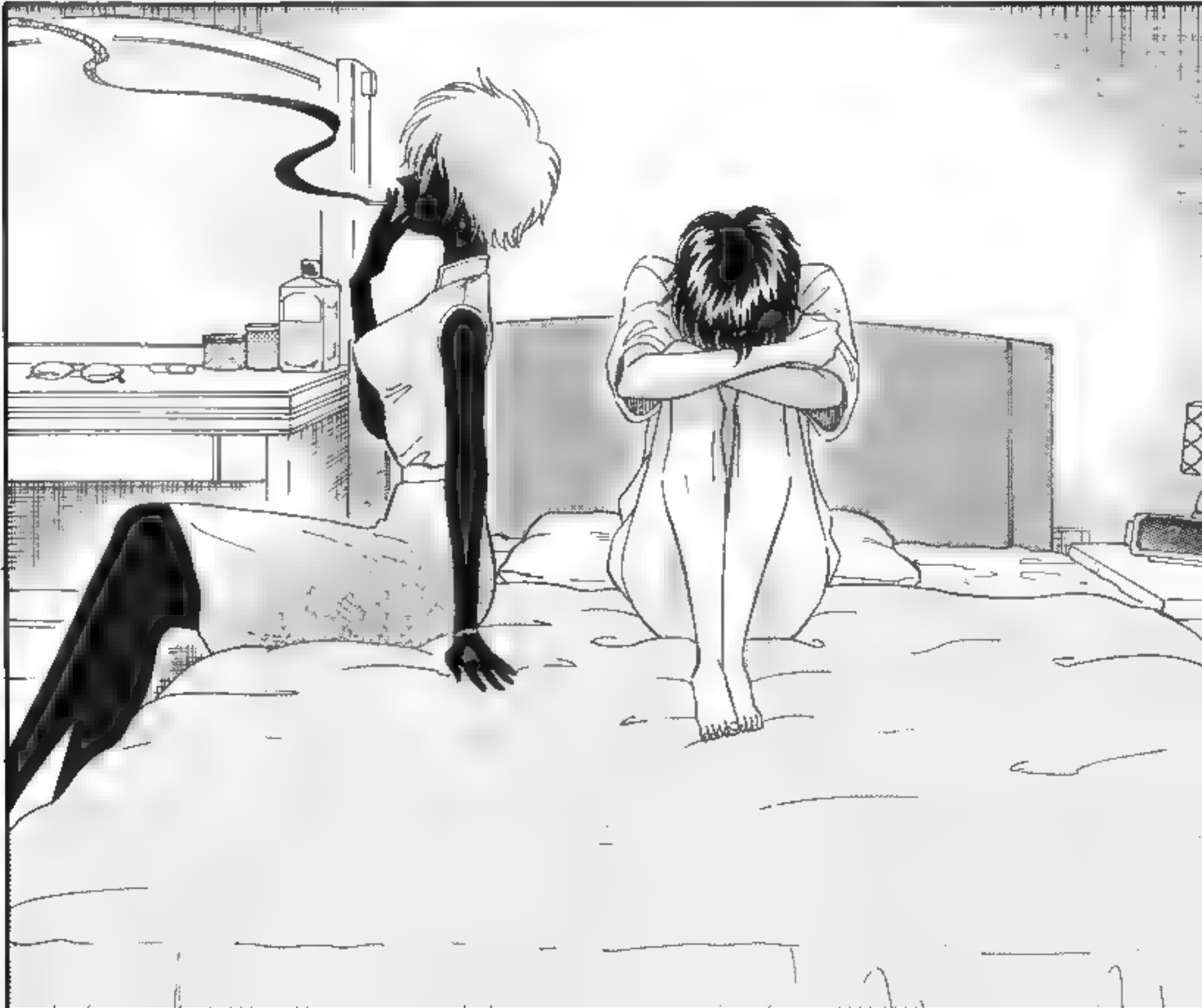




KOWLOON
Generic Romance

HOWLON
Generic Romance

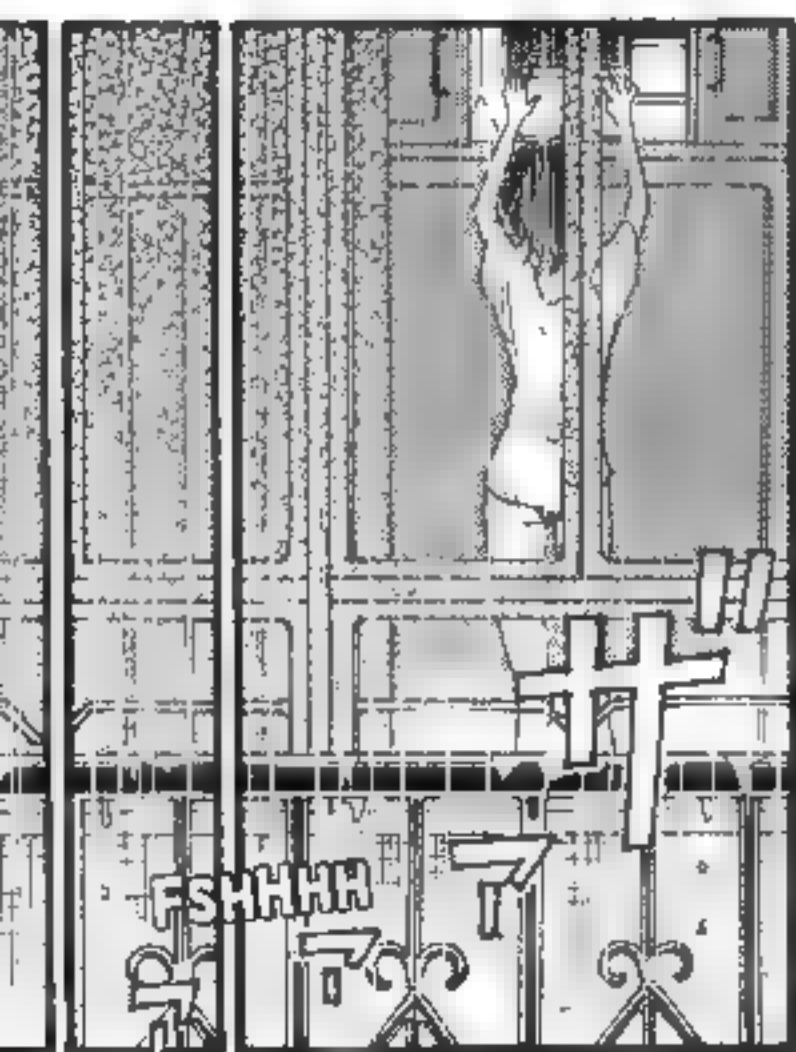
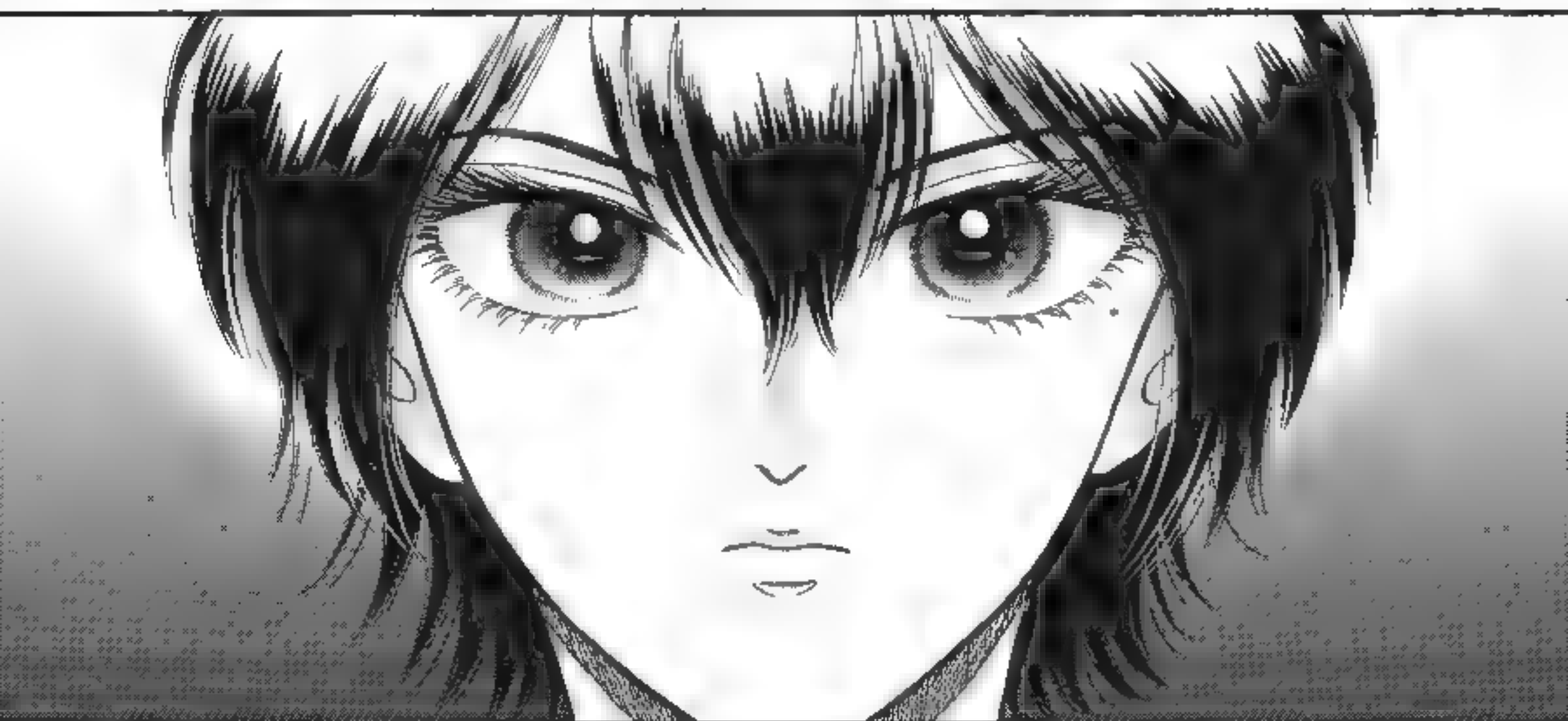
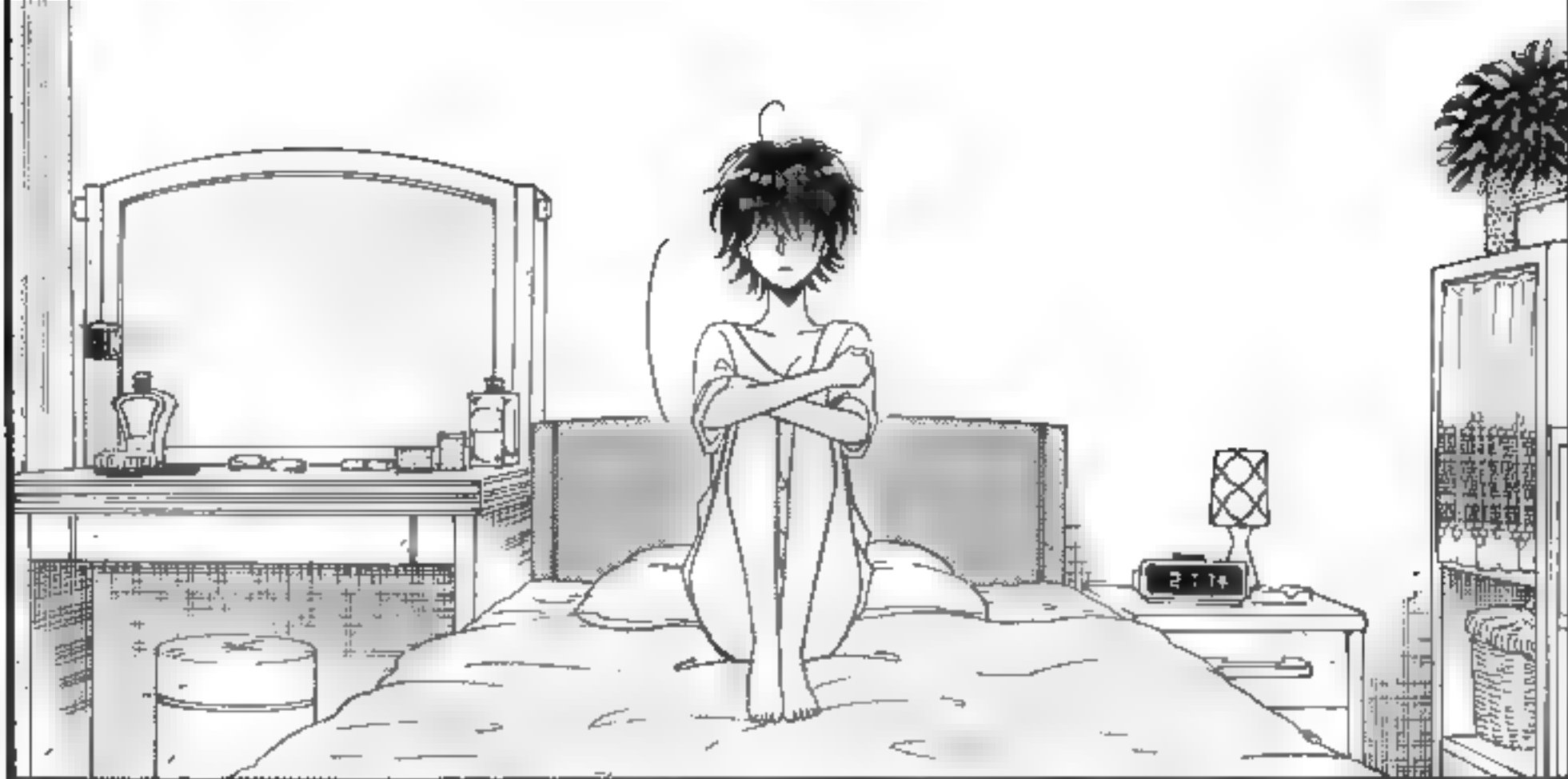


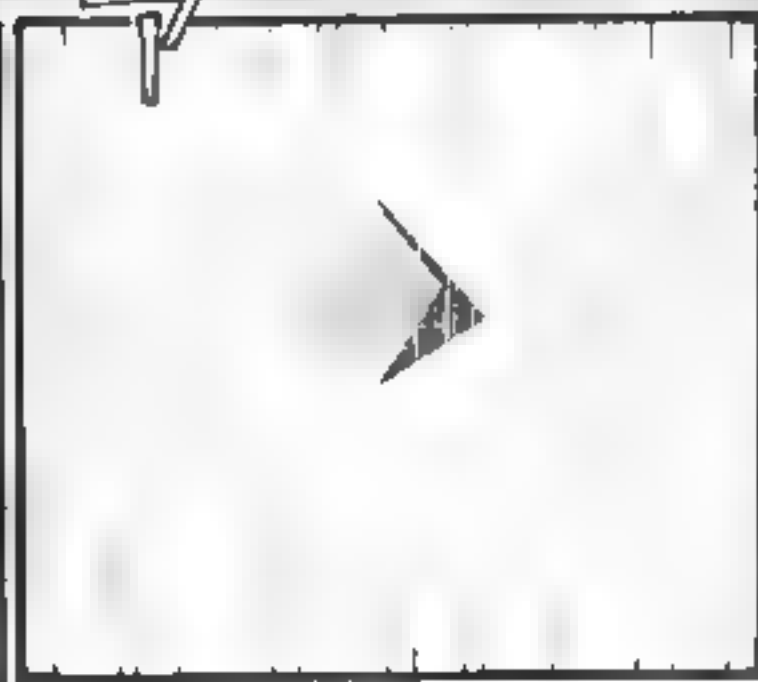
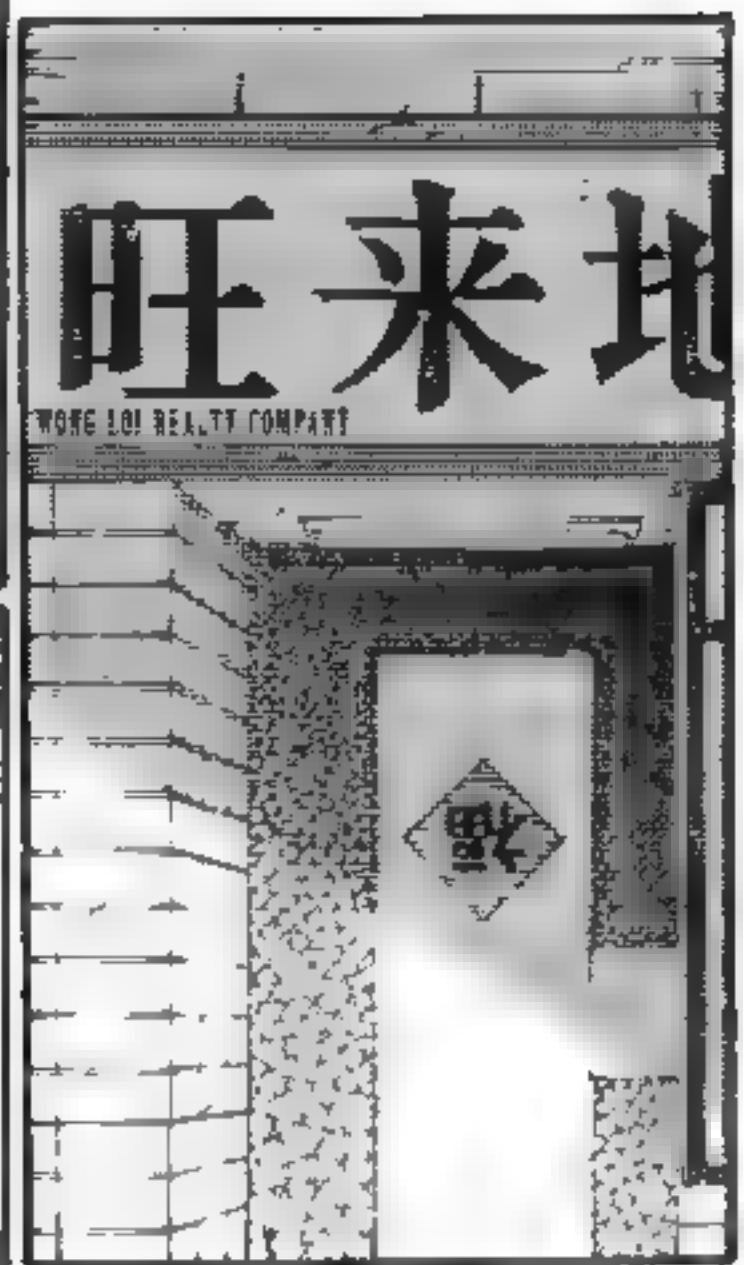






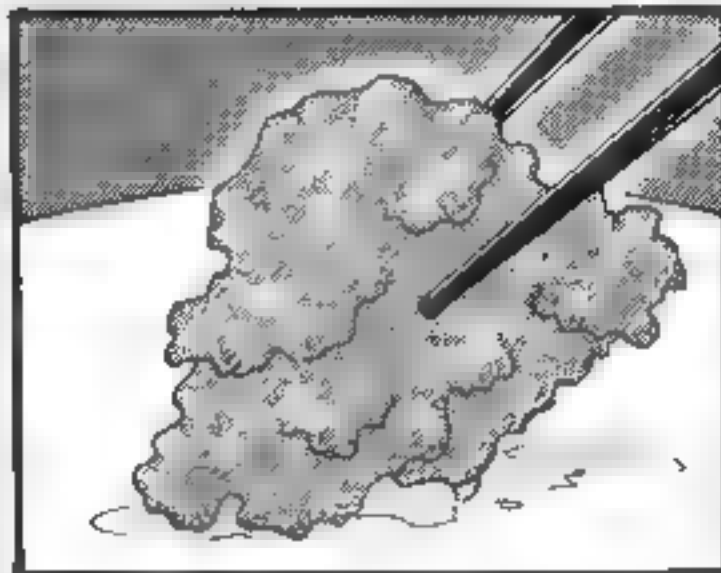
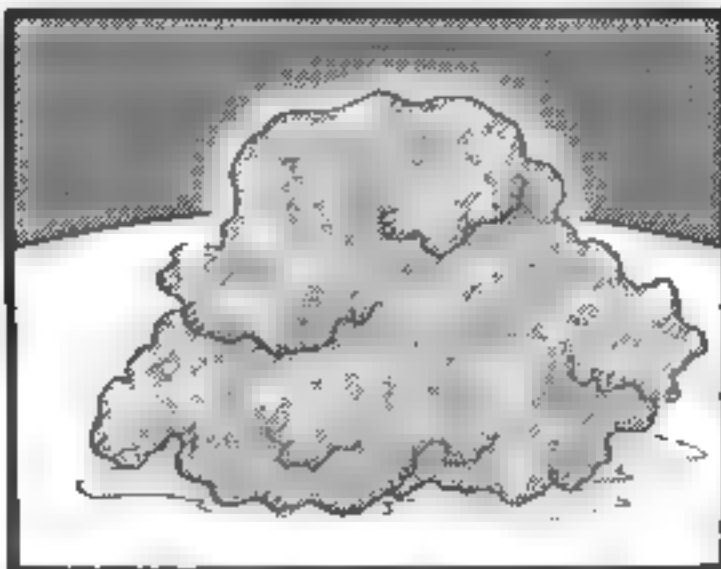
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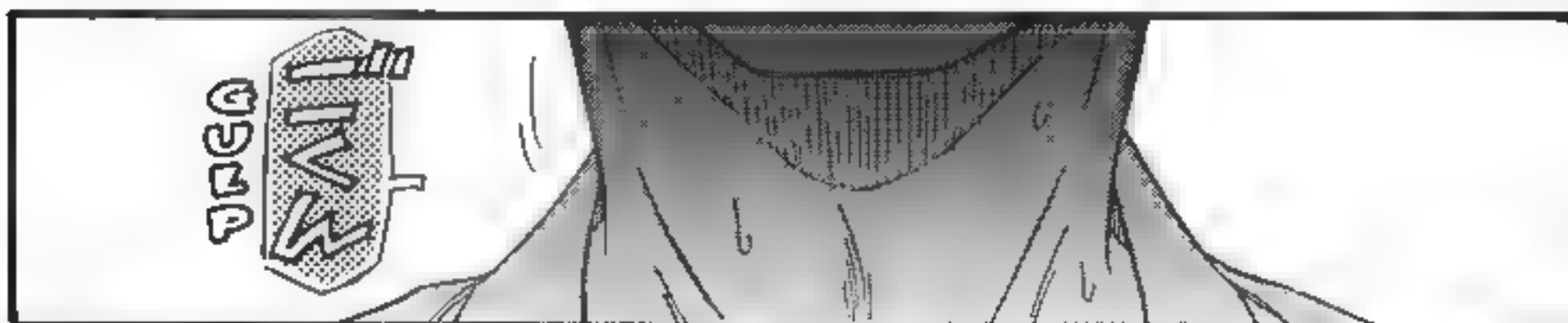












SIGNS: DOUBLE HAPPINESS / GOOD LUCK







THE
OTHER
—DAY, WE
HAD WHAT'S
CALLED
CANDIED
TOMATOES

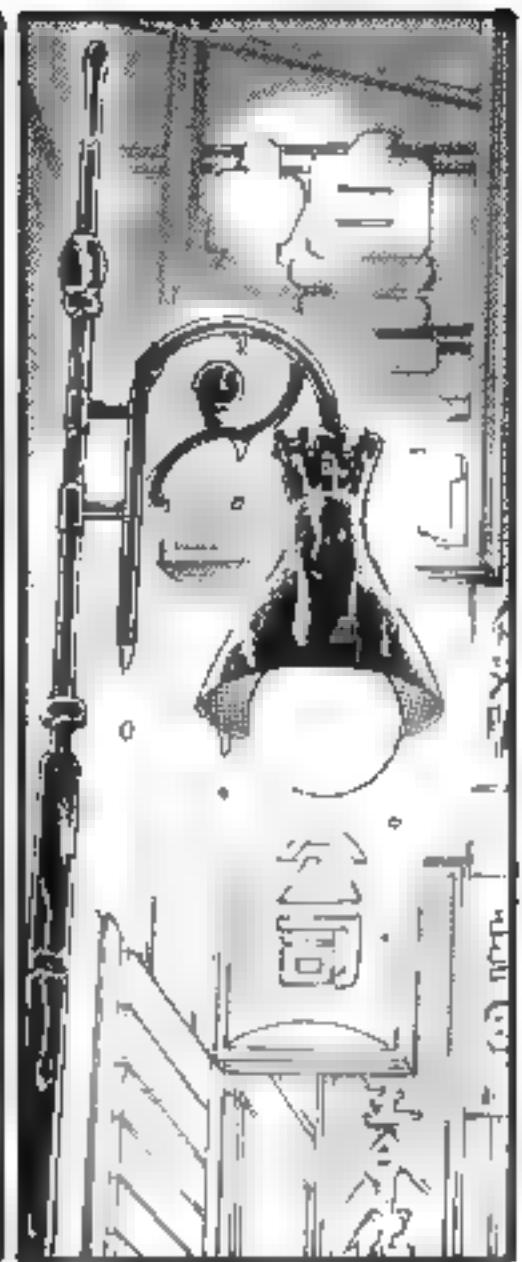
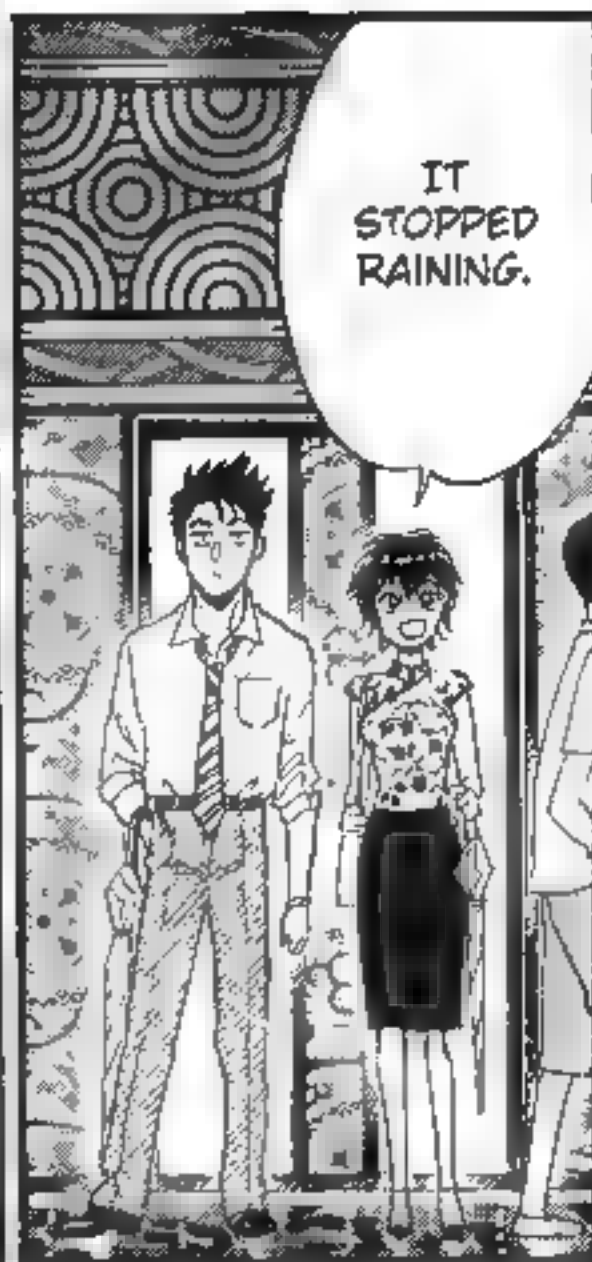


OH
YEAH?

WE
TRY NEW
RESTAU-
RANTS
TOGETHER.



APPARENTLY,
IT'S
TAIWANESE,
AND...







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OH!



WATCH
YOUR
STEP.

SIGNS. CAPTAIN / IDEALS



GENE
TERRA'S
SHINING
EXTRA
BRIGHT
TONIGHT.



SIGNS: DUNG SAAN RESTAURANT. STUDY TOUR



KOWLOON
Generic Romance

HOWLON
Generic Romance

CHAPTER 16





WAITING ROOM

DON'T
YOU THINK
YOU'RE
PUTTING
TOO MUCH
FAITH
IN HIM,
YAOMAY?

OF
COURSE
NOT!!

YOU WILL!!
THIS IS DR.
HEBINUMA
WE'RE
TALKING
ABOUT!!

I GUESS
THEY HAVE A
VARIETY OF
ANTIAGING
TREATMENTS.
I HOPE I CAN
GET RID OF
MY CROW'S-
FEET.

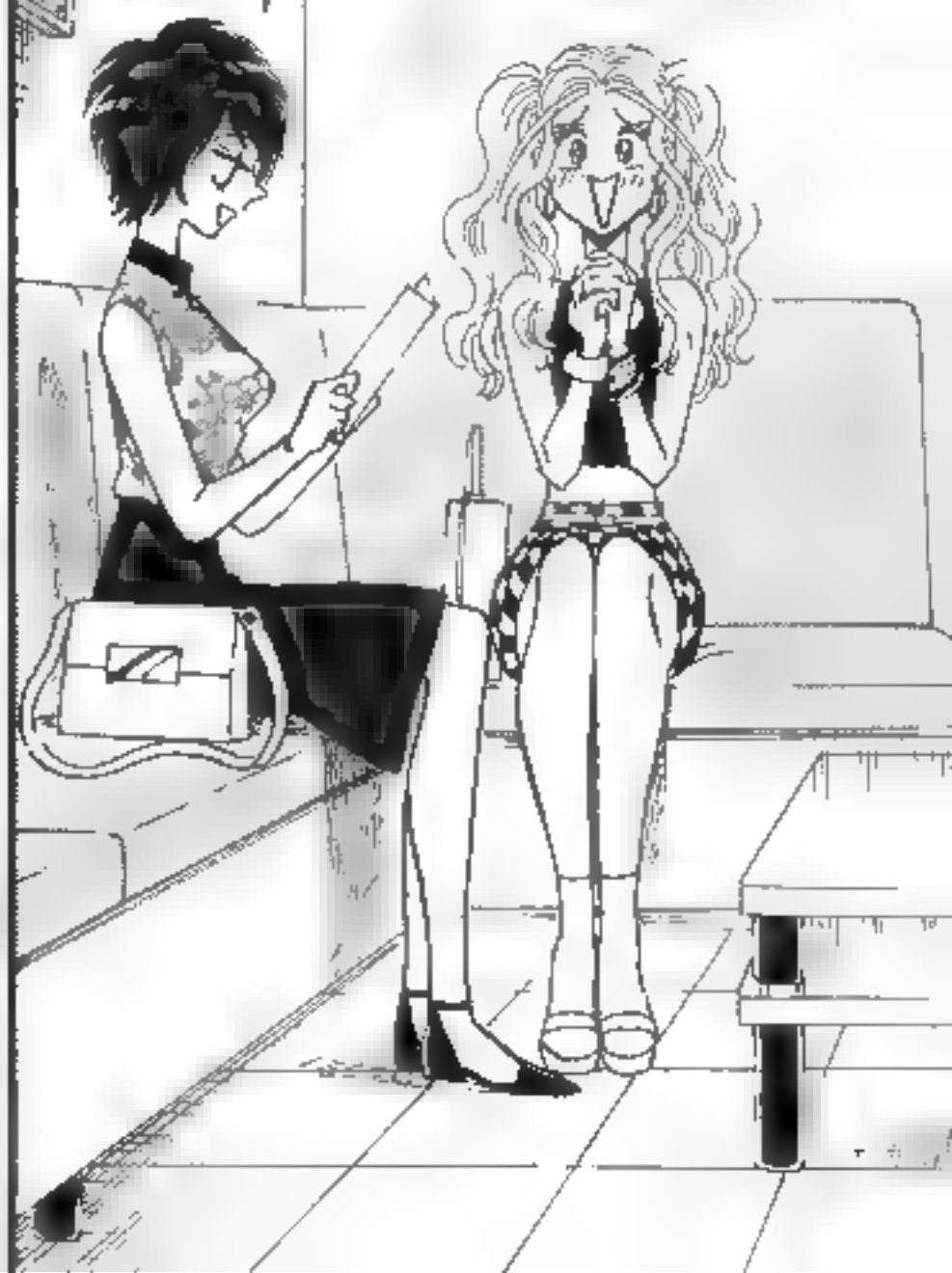
AAAAH!
I'M SO
EXCITED!



PLUS, HE'S
EVEN HELPING
WITH THE
CONSTRUCTION
OF GENE
TERRA ITSELF!

THAT PRESS
CONFERENCE
HAD MY HEART
POUNDING!!

HE'S DONE
MORE THAN JUST
HIS WORK IN THE
COSMETIC SURGERY
INDUSTRY. EVER
SINCE HE TOOK
OVER HIS FATHER'S
PHARMACEUTICAL
COMPANY, THEIR
SALES HAVE
GONE THROUGH
THE ROOF!





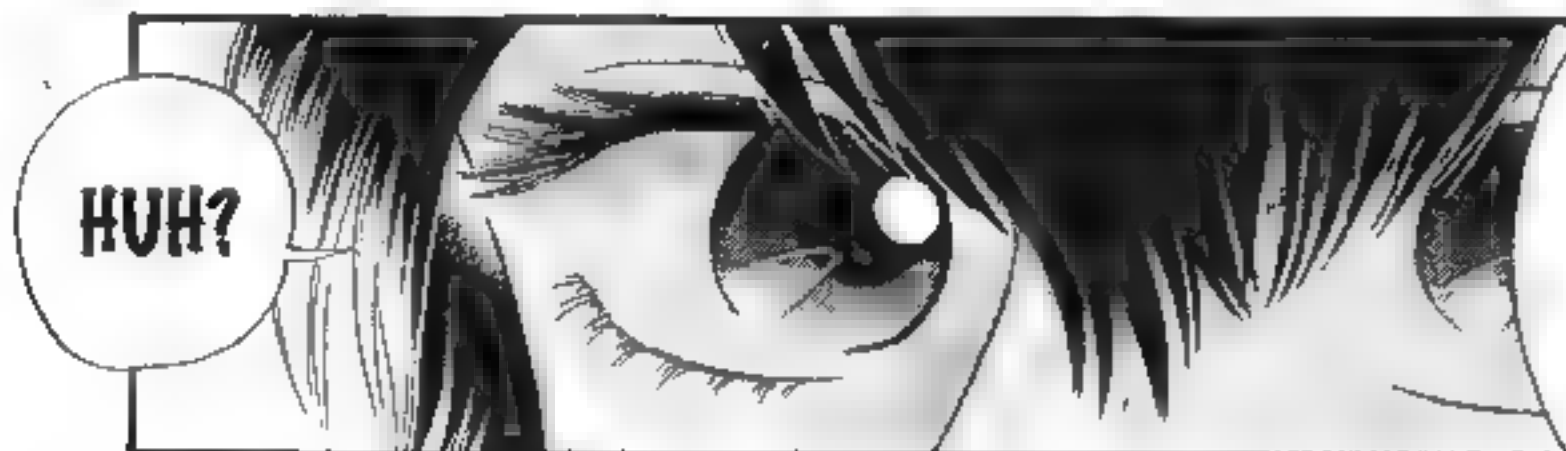
HE
SOUNDS
PRETTY
IMPRES-
SIVE...

HMM...

...IS THAT
IMPORTANT,
FOR A
DOCTOR?

**AND
MOST
OF ALL,
HE'S
TOTALLY
MY
TYPE!!**

YES,
IT
IS!!



HUH?

...WAIT A SEC.
REI-PON.



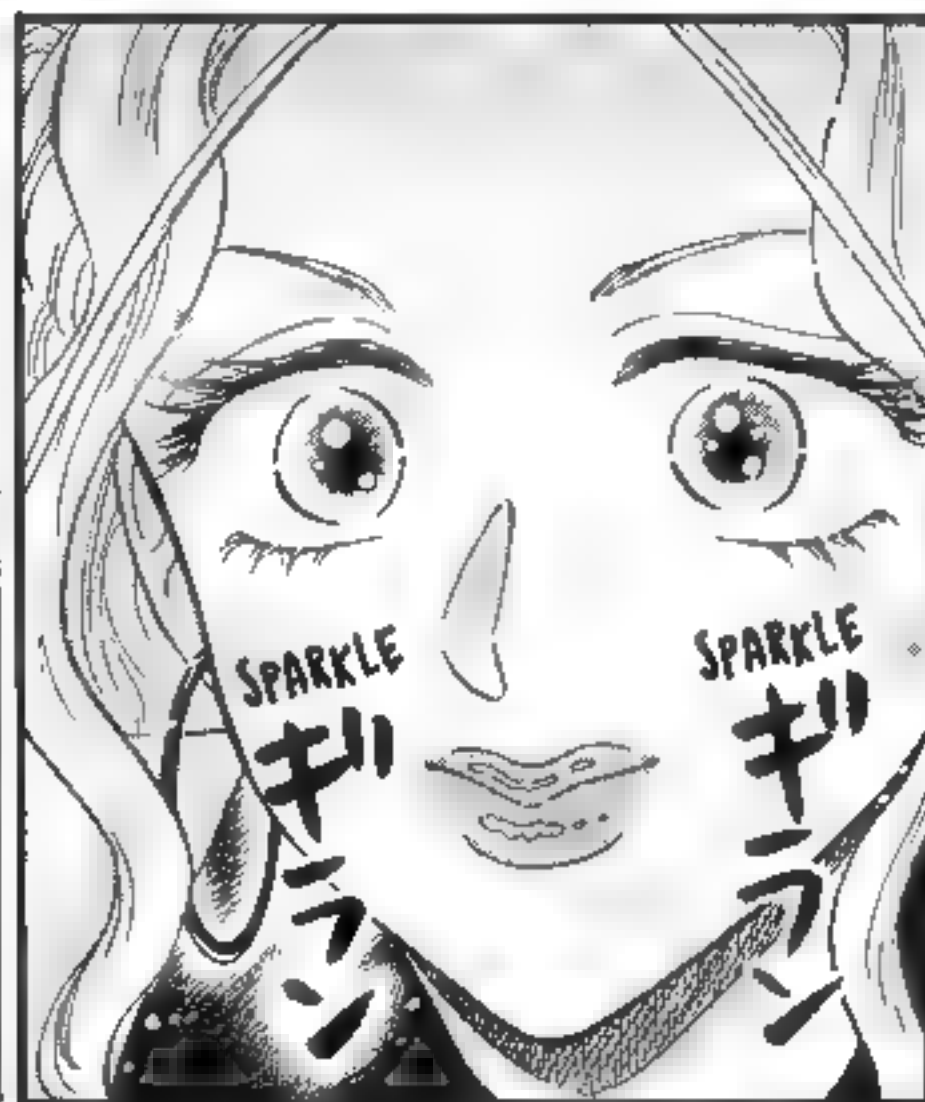
HOW CAN
YOU NOT
EVEN PUT
ON LIPSTICK
WHEN YOU'RE
MEETING THE
ONE AND
ONLY DR.
HEBINUMAI?
THAT'S
JUST BAD
MANNERS!!

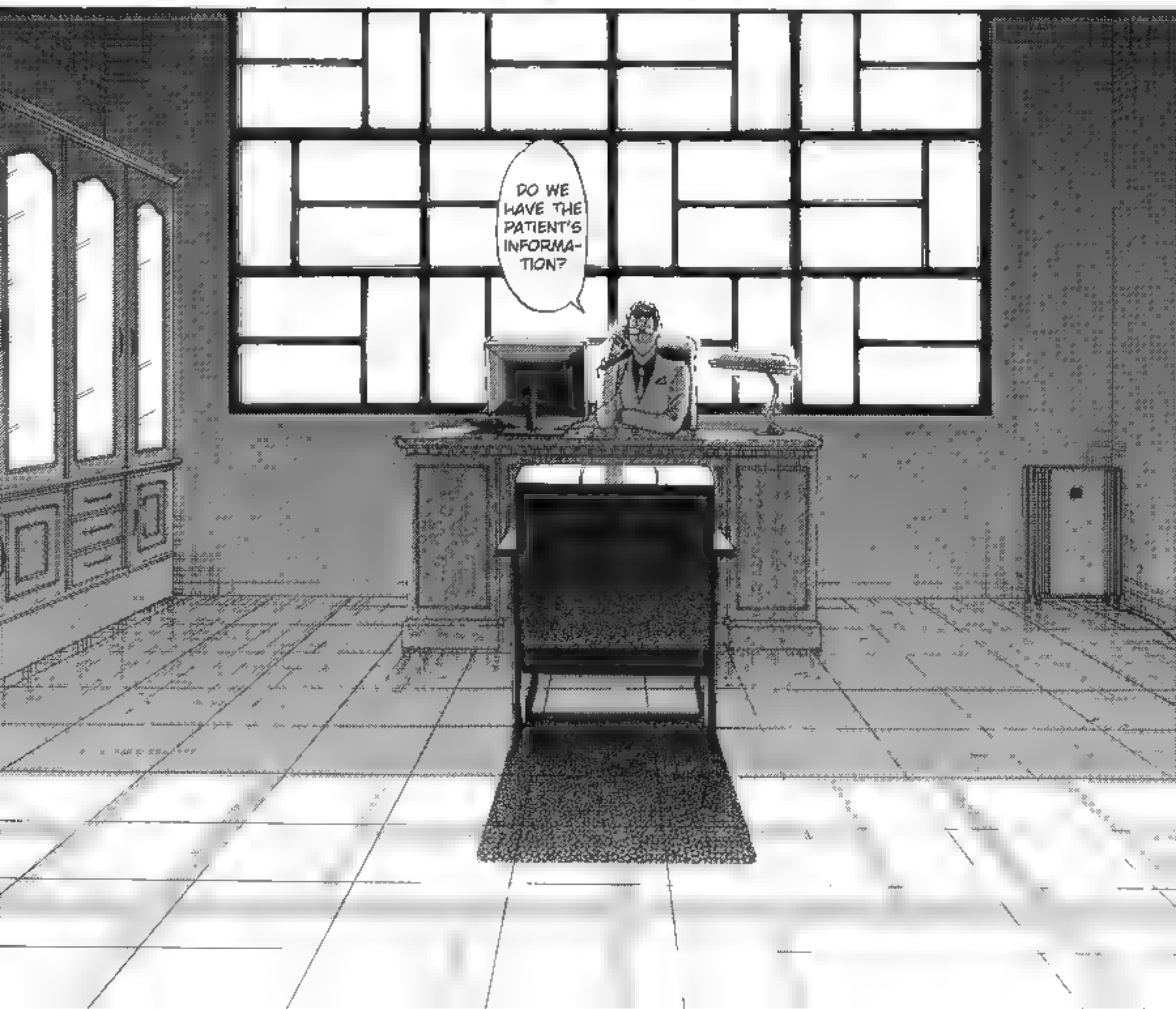
**WELL,
DUH!**



...YOU'RE
GOING ALL
OUT TODAY,
YAOMAY...

ARE YOU
REALLY GOING
TO THIS
CONSULTATION
IN YOUR
**EVERYDAY
MAKEUP?**





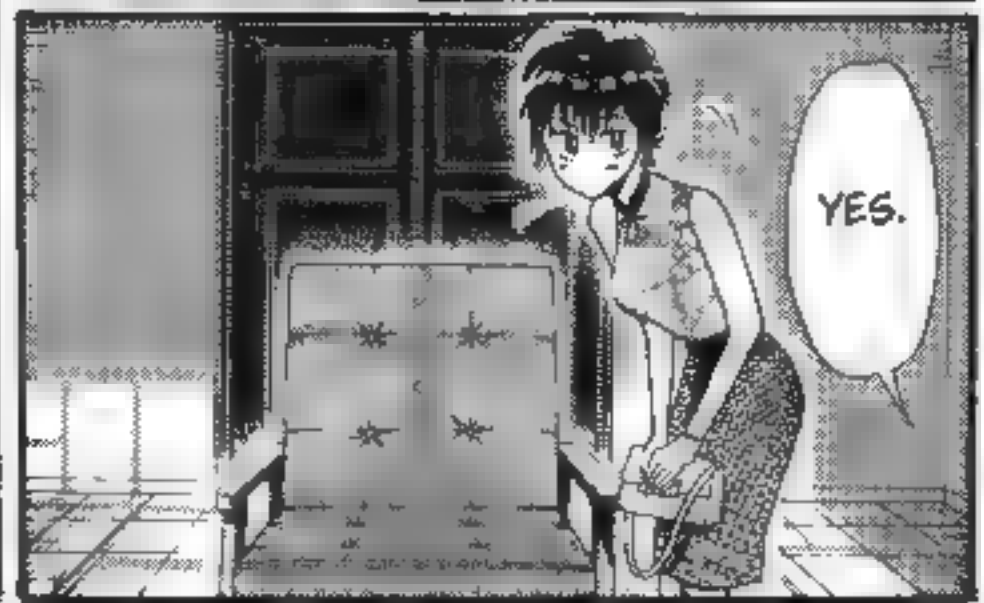


AH, THEN THAT'S ALL I NEED TO KNOW.

A PREFERRED PATIENT?



WE ONLY HAVE AN E-MAIL ADDRESS?



YES.



PLEASE SEND ME THE CHARTS.



THE CROW'S- FEET AROUND MY EYES ARE BOTHER- ING ME...

OH, ER...



I SEE HERE YOU'RE INTER- ESTED IN ANTI- AGING TREAT- MENT.

LET'S SEE NOW.

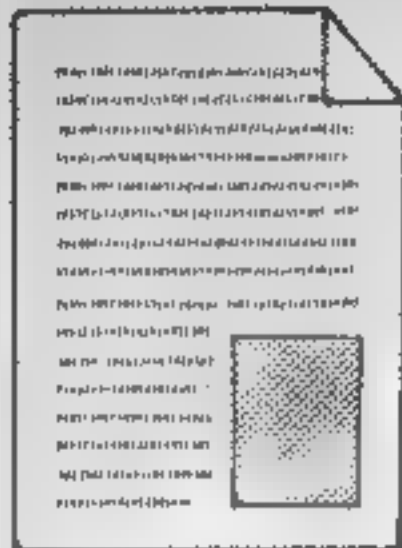
WHAT SPECIFIC CONCERNS DO YOU HAVE?



I AM SO SORRY FOR THE WAIT.

...GOOD- NESS GRA- CIOUS.

**URGENT: Please verify
candidate compatibility**



Zr02-HCandidateCharts.rtf
39KB



MS.
REIKO
KUJIRAI,
THIRTY-
TWO YEARS
OLD...

I
SEE
...



THAT
ISN'T AN
AGE WHERE
ONE NEEDS
TO BE TOO
WORRIED
ABOUT
WRINKLES
YET...

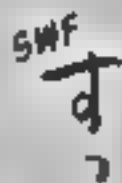


MS.
REIKO
KUJIRAI
...

...
THIRTY-
TWO
YEARS
OLD.



CLICK
7F



LET ME
TAKE A
QUICK
LOOK AT
YOUR
FACE...

[illegible]

...AND
HAVE YOU
ANSWER
TWO OR
THREE
QUESTIONS
FOR ME.



ARE
THESE THE
WRINKLES?
HA-HA-HA...
I SEE.
MARVELOUS.

FACIAL
MUSCLES
ARE A
TAD STIFF.
ARE YOU
NERVOUS?

THE GLOW
AND FEEL OF
YOUR SKIN
ARE BOTH
MARVELOUS.

MARVELOUS.
SIMPLY
MARVELOUS!!

IT HAS BODY
TEMPERATURE
TOO.
MARVELOUS.



YOU
DON'T
KNOW?
WHATEVER
DO YOU
MEAN?

*I DON'T
KNOW...*



FORGIVE THE
INTRUSIVE
QUESTION,
BUT ARE YOU
MARRIED?
WHAT IS YOUR
FAMILY BACK-
GROUND?

YOUR
PREFERRED
STATUS—
WHICH
COMPANY
ARE YOU
FROM?

W-
WONG
LOI
REALTY
...



HUH
...?

ONLY, IT DOESN'T
IMPEDE MY DAILY
LIFE BECAUSE I
KNOW EVERYONE
AROUND ME...

I ONLY
REMEMBER
THE LAST SIX
MONTHS TO
A YEAR...AND
EVEN THAT'S
HAZY...

**I HAVE NO
MEMORIES.**

ARE
THERE
OTHER
PEOPLE
LIKE
ME...?

...WITH ONE
EXCEPTION!






HUH?



...IS
THAT YOUR
WRINKLES
HAVE NO
HISTORY.

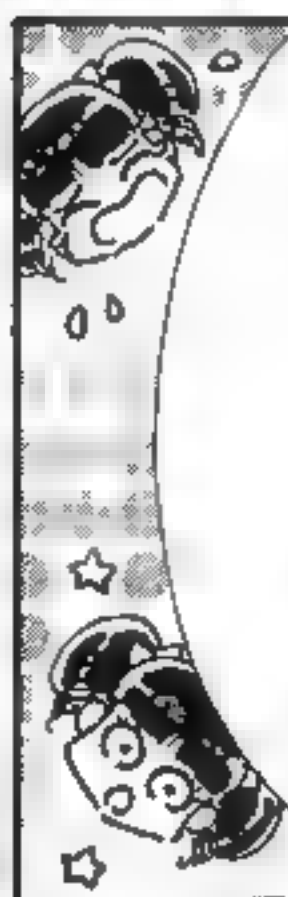
...WHAT
I CAN
SAY...

UNFORTU-
NATELY, I
CAN'T SPEAK
TO YOUR
MEMORY
ISSUES.
THAT'S
OUTSIDE MY
AREA OF
EXPERTISE.

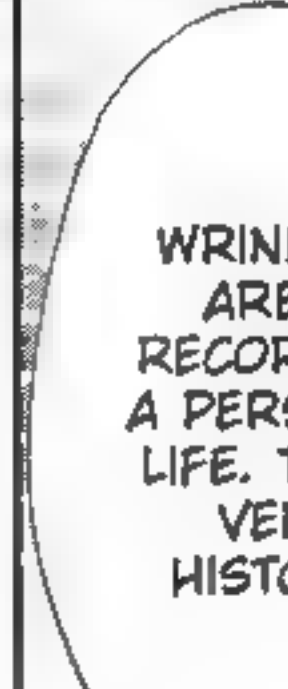


THEY'RE
NOTHING
MORE THAN
DEPRESSIONS
IN THE SHAPE
OF WRINKLES,
AS THOUGH THEY
WERE CARVED
THERE FROM
THE START.

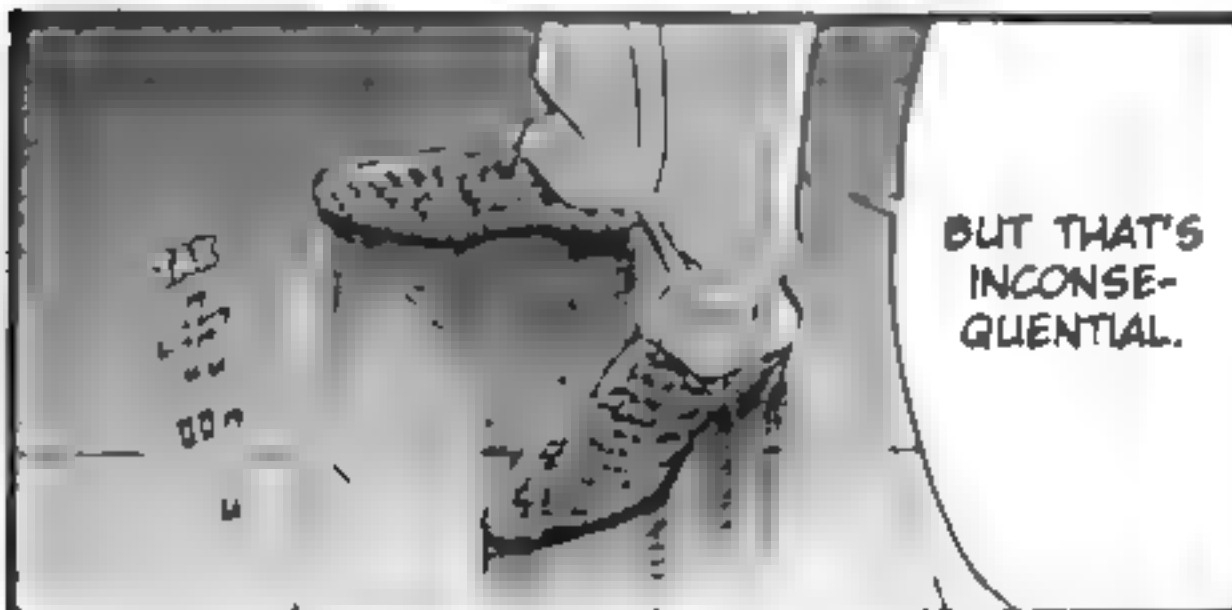
BUT YOUR
WRINKLES
ARE
DIFFERENT.



NORMALLY,
WRINKLES ARE
THE CUMULATIVE
PRODUCT OF
SOMEONE'S
HABITUAL FACIAL
EXPRESSIONS,
SUCH AS CRYING
OR SMILING, AND
THEIR EXPOSURE
TO ULTRAVIOLET
LIGHT.



WRINKLES
ARE A
RECORD OF
A PERSON'S
LIFE. THEIR
VERY
HISTORY.





**YES.
NOW,
WON'T
YOU
TELL ME
MORE
ABOUT
YOUR-
SELF?**







HUH?

WE'RE LEAVING !!



GRAB
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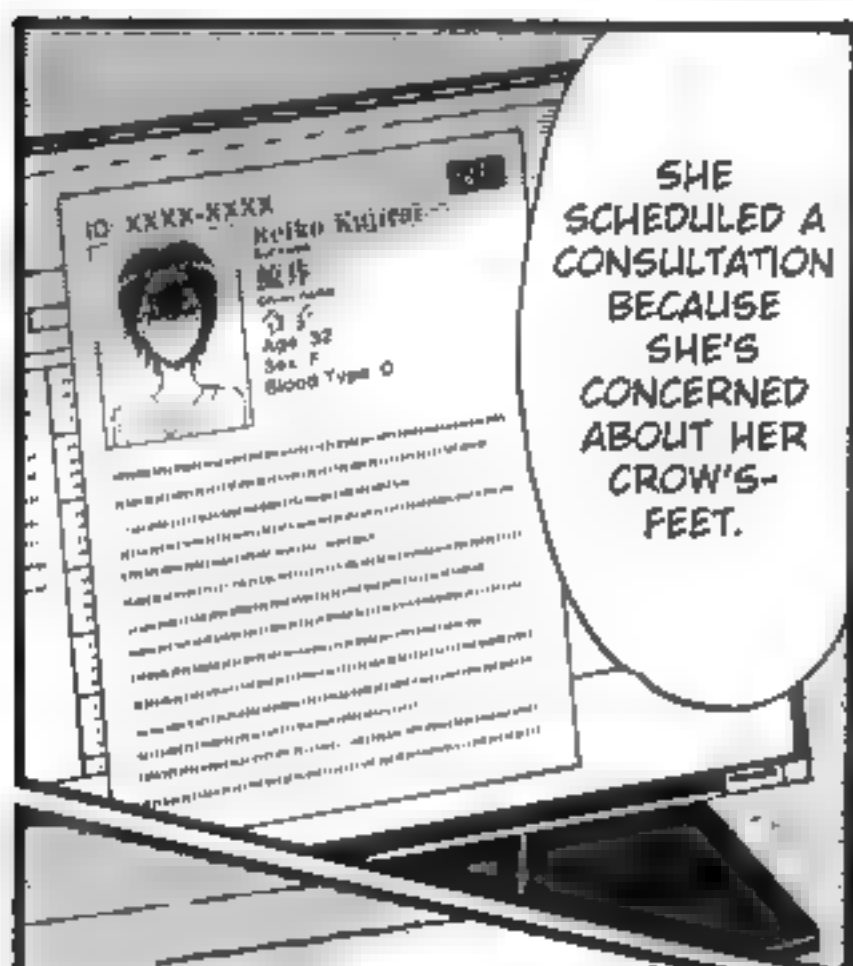
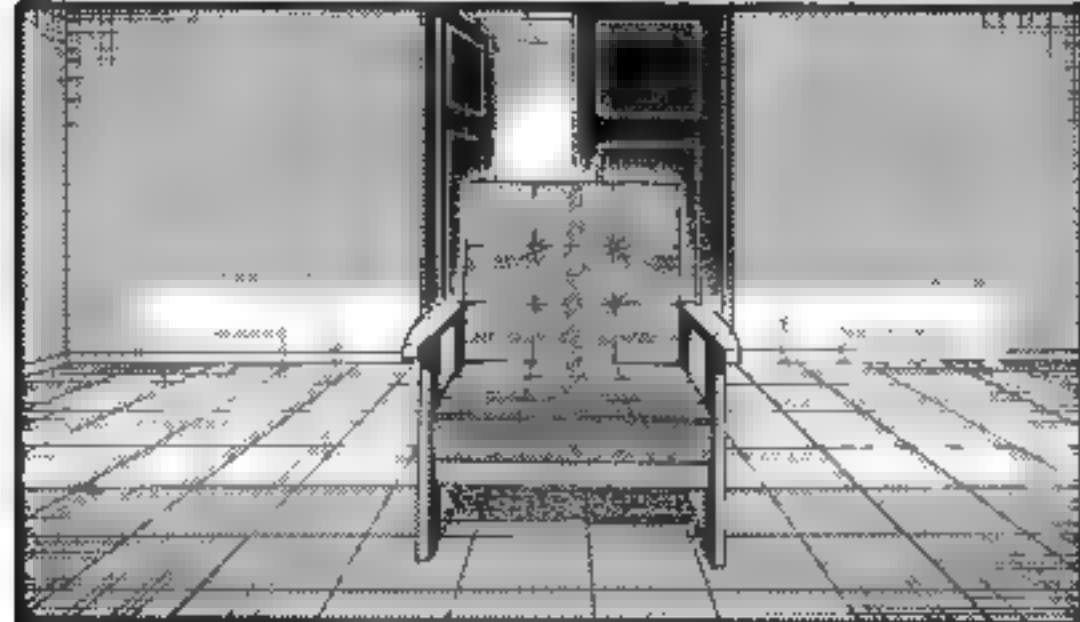
AH!
REKO-
PON!
HOW'D
IT GO?



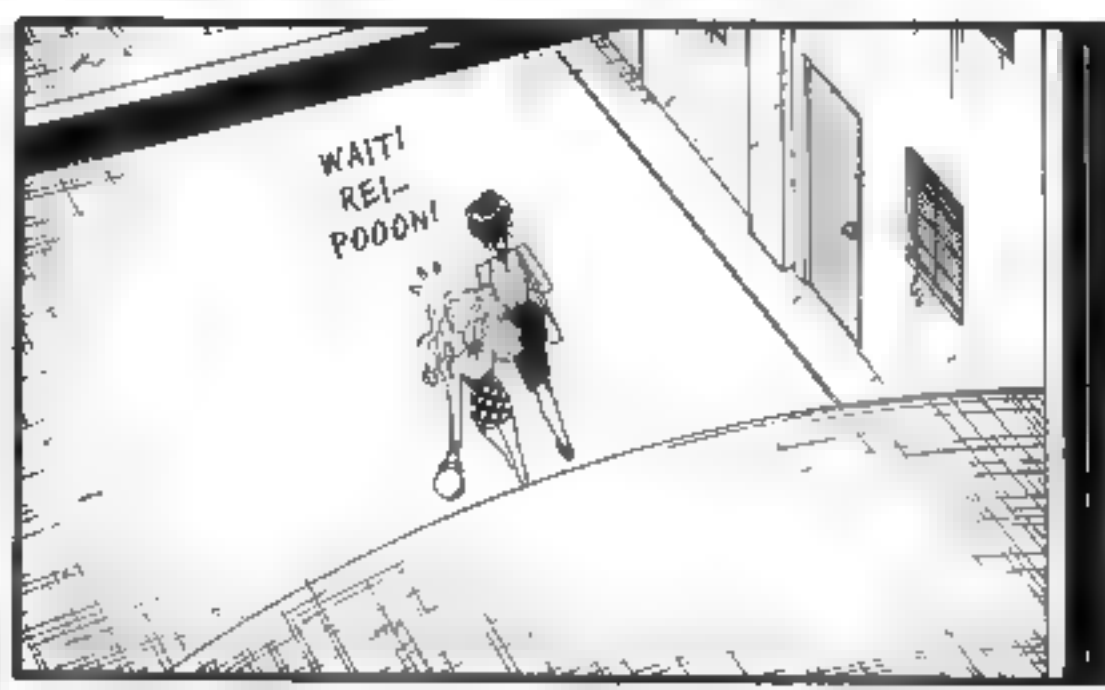
WAITING ROOM

BAM

WAITING ROOM



SHE
SCHEDULED A
CONSULTATION
BECAUSE
SHE'S
CONCERNED
ABOUT HER
CROW'S-
FEET.



WAIT!
REI-
POON!



SHE FEELS
CONFUSION,
SHE FEELS
FEAR...

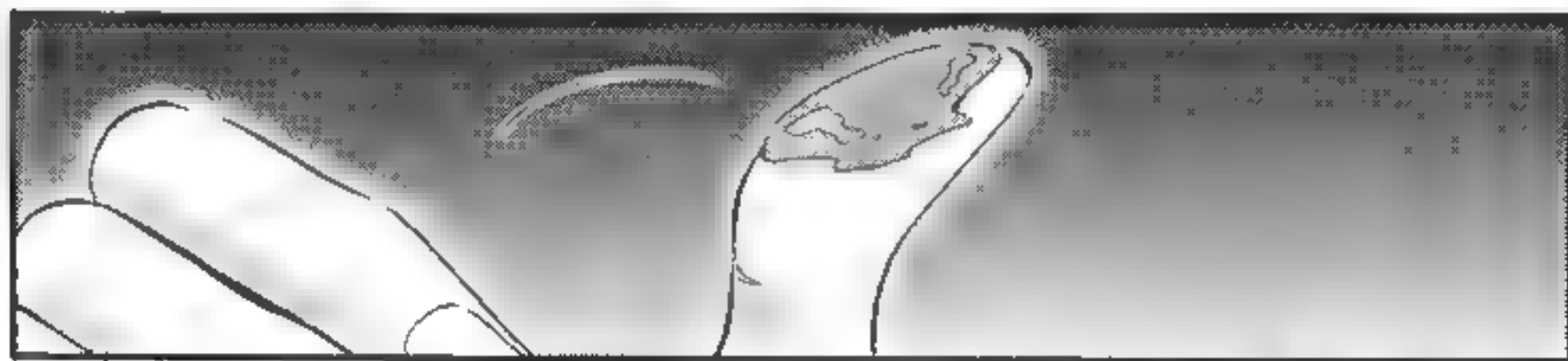


HEH.

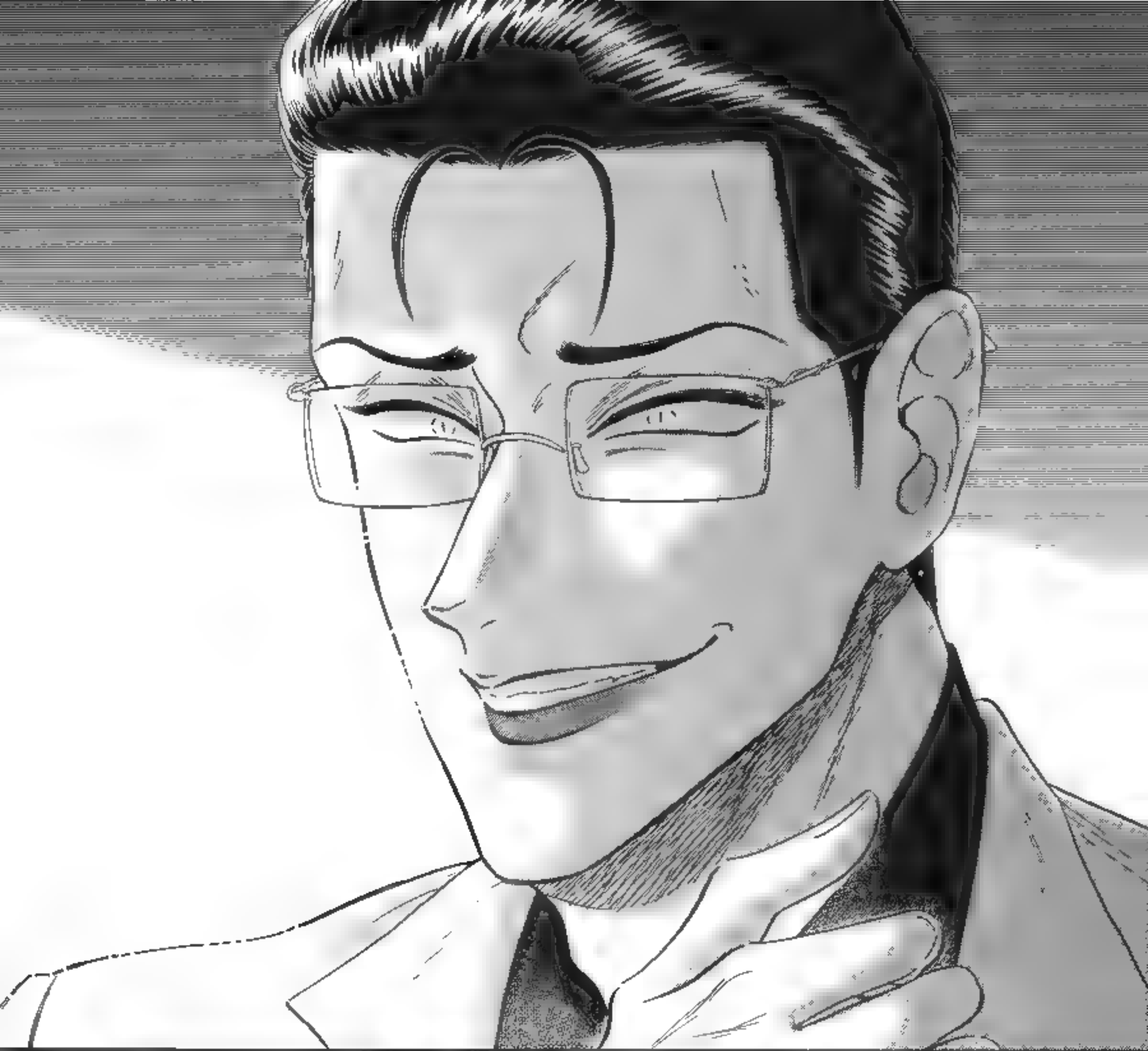


...AND
BREATHING.

MOST
IMPORTANT
OF ALL,
SHE'S
ALIVE...



THIS
LIPSTICK
WASN'T A
VERY GOOD
COLOR ON
HER.



IT'S SO
MARVELOUS,
I MIGHT GO
MAD.

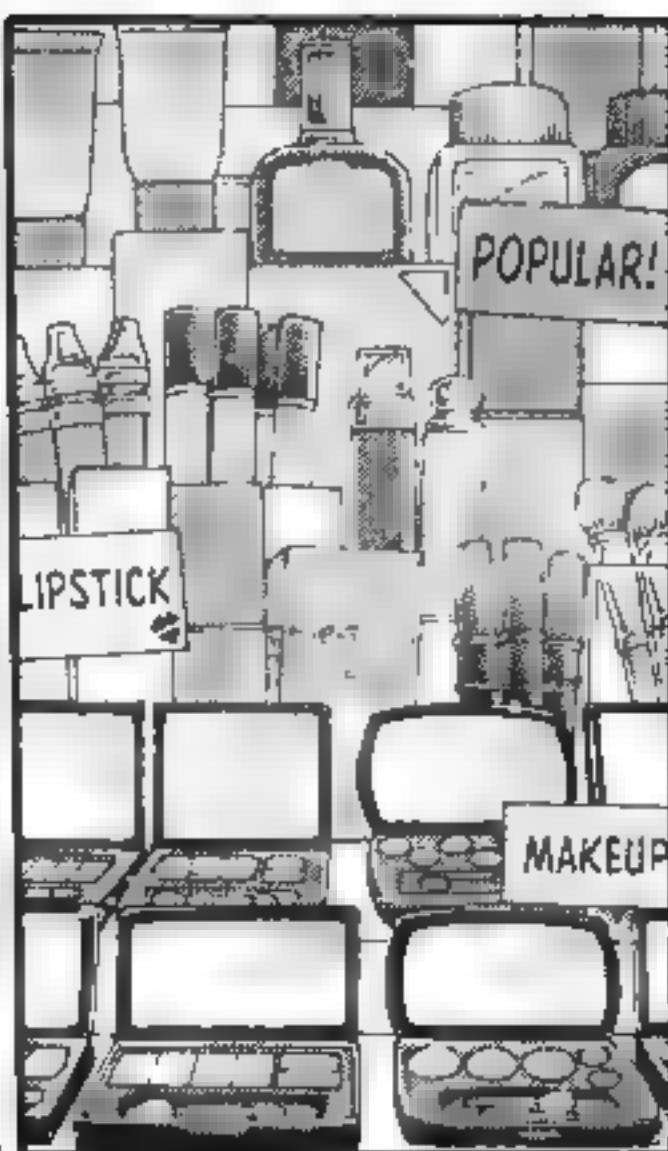
KOWLOON
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HOWLON
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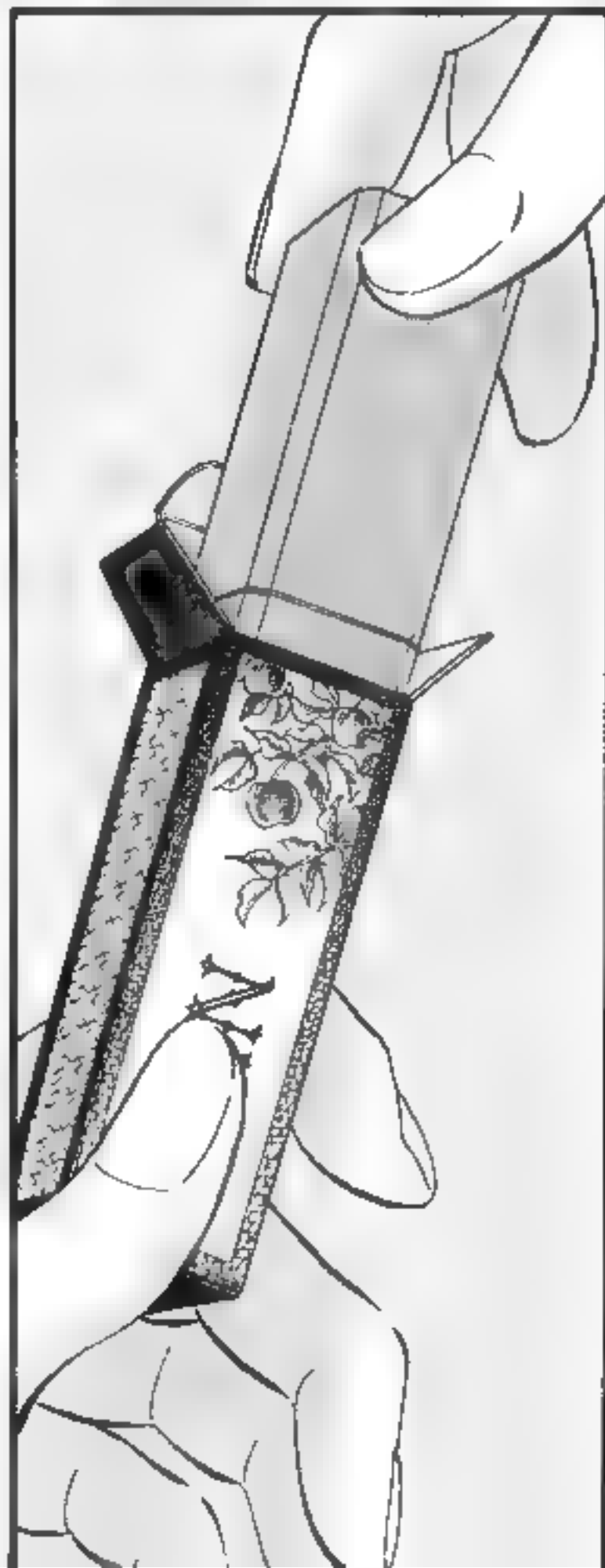
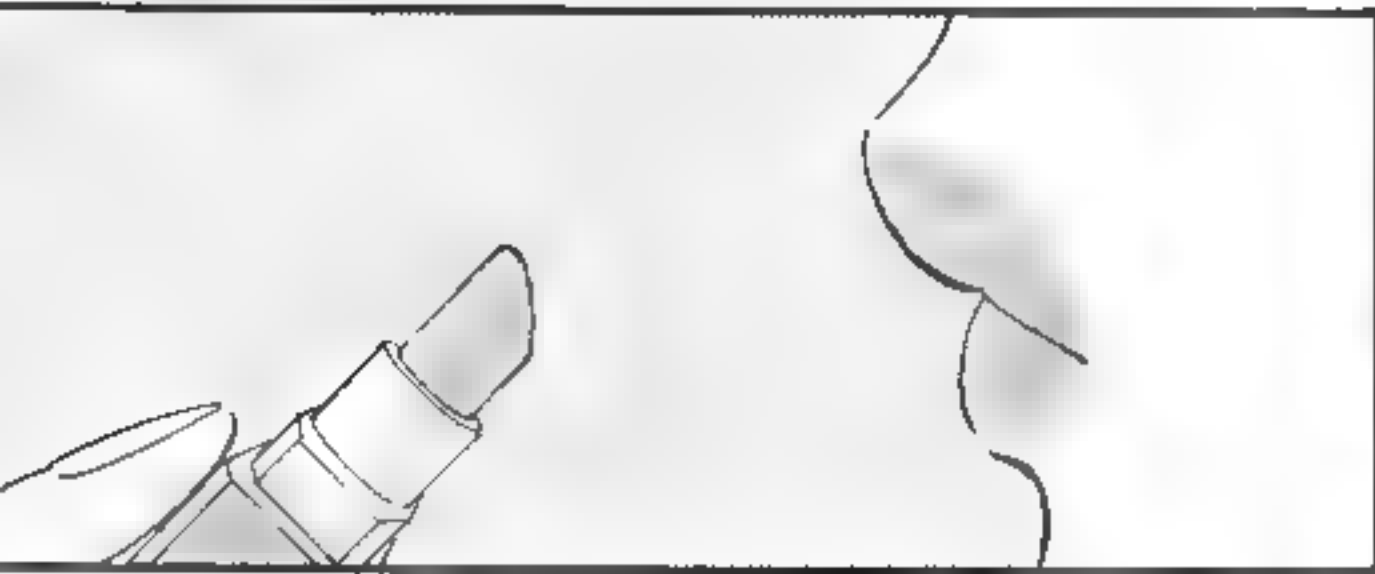
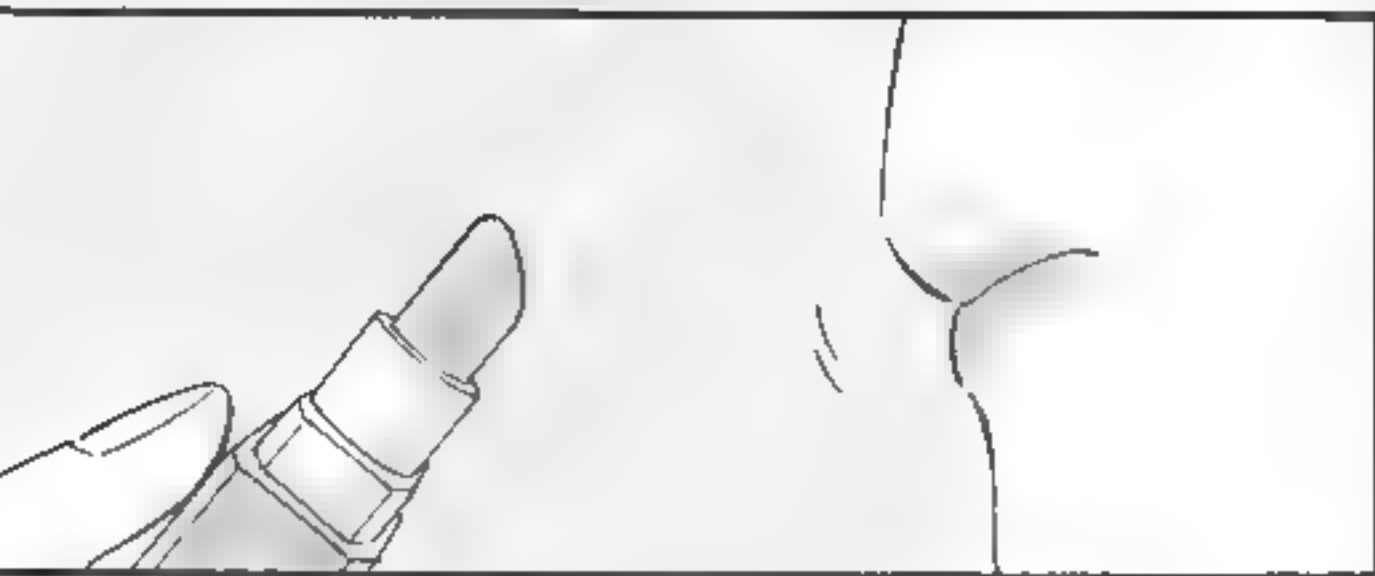
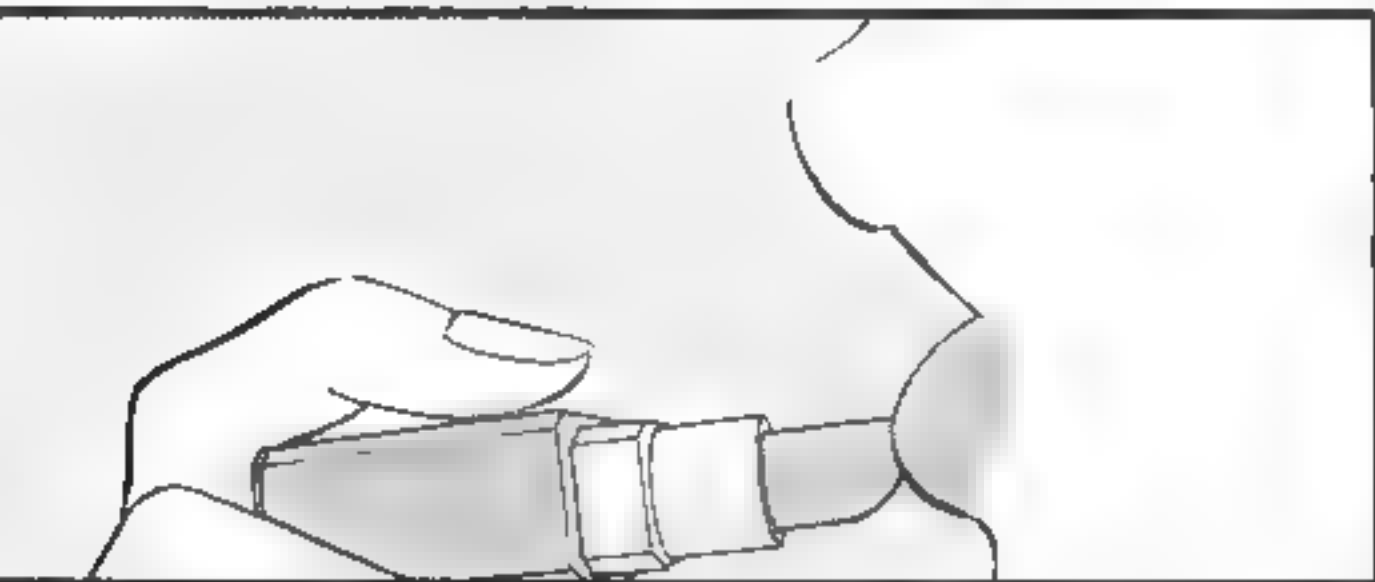
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SIGN: COSMETICS SHOP



SIGN: COSMETICS SHOP, NO. 3 STORE



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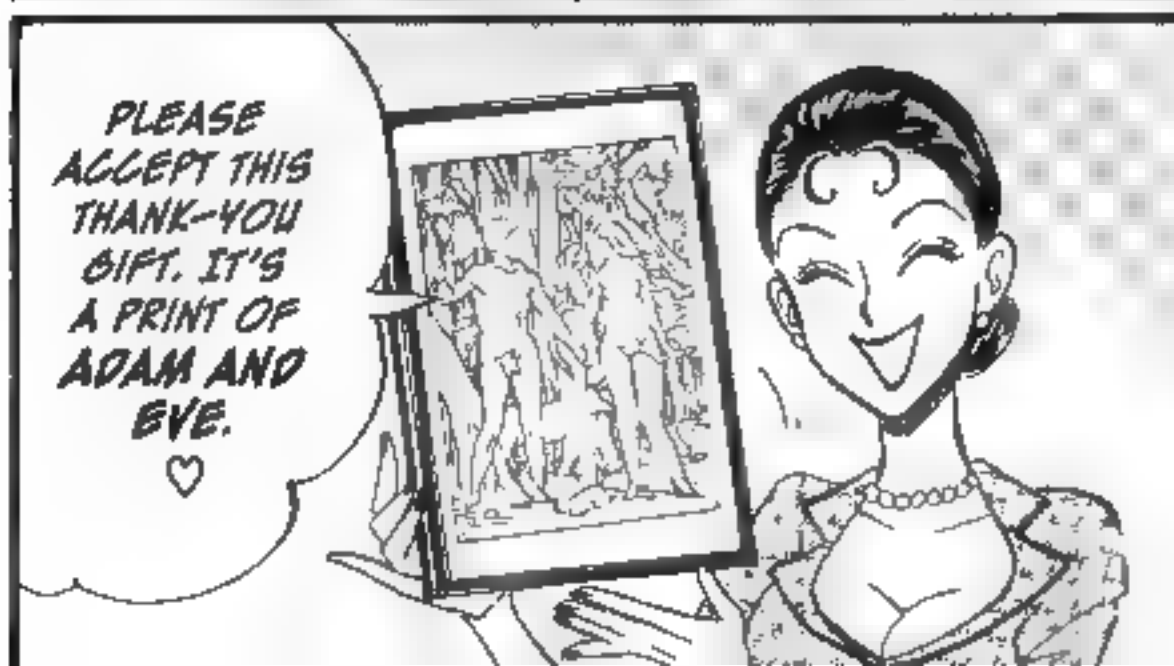


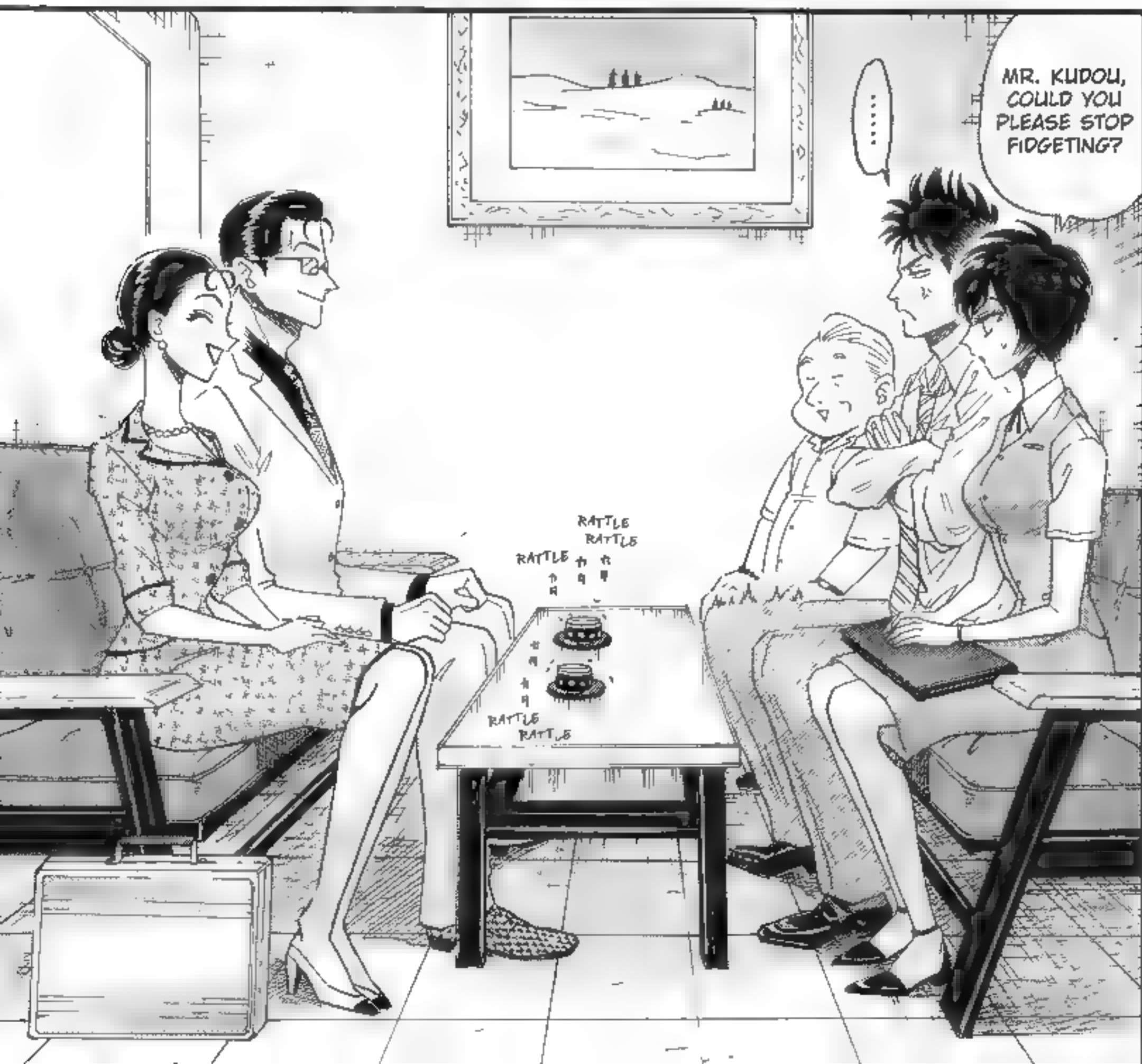
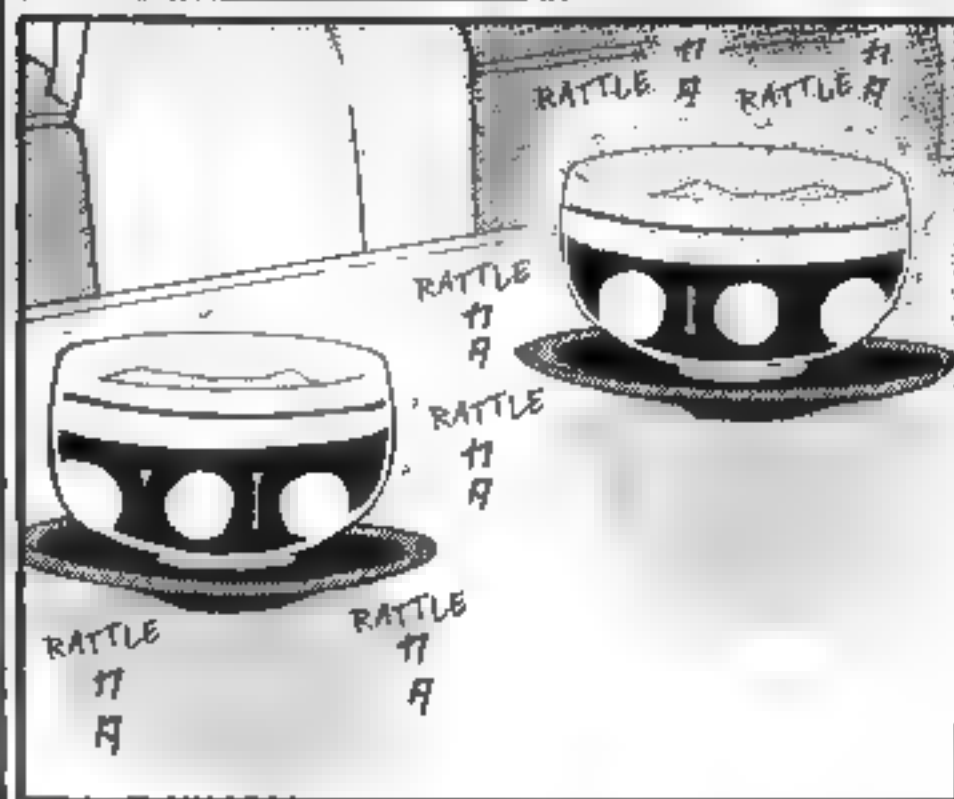
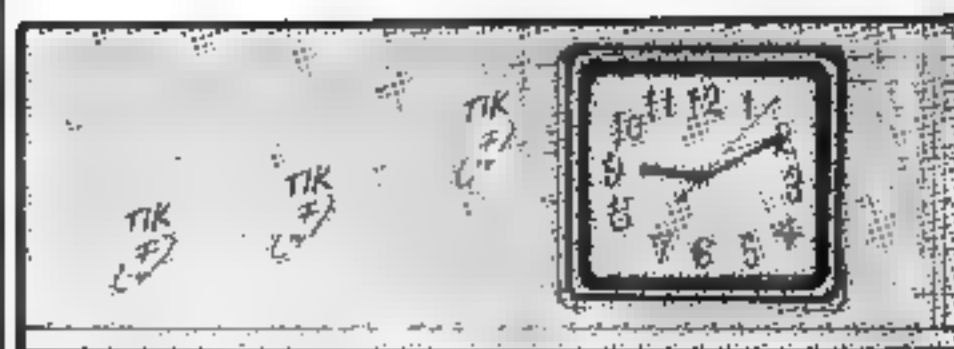




WHY, GOOD
MORNING.

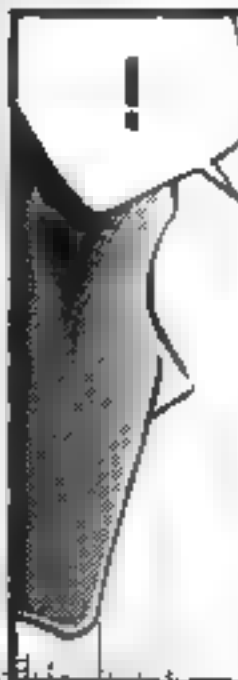








IT AIN'T
FIDGETING!
IT'S
EXPRESSING
EMOTION!



IS
SOMETHING
ABOUT YOU
DIFFERENT
TODAY?



YES,
SIR.
♡

THE
MAP,
DEAR.

I'M HOPING
TO OPEN
ONE MORE
CLINIC IN
KOWLOON.



...IN THIS
AREA?

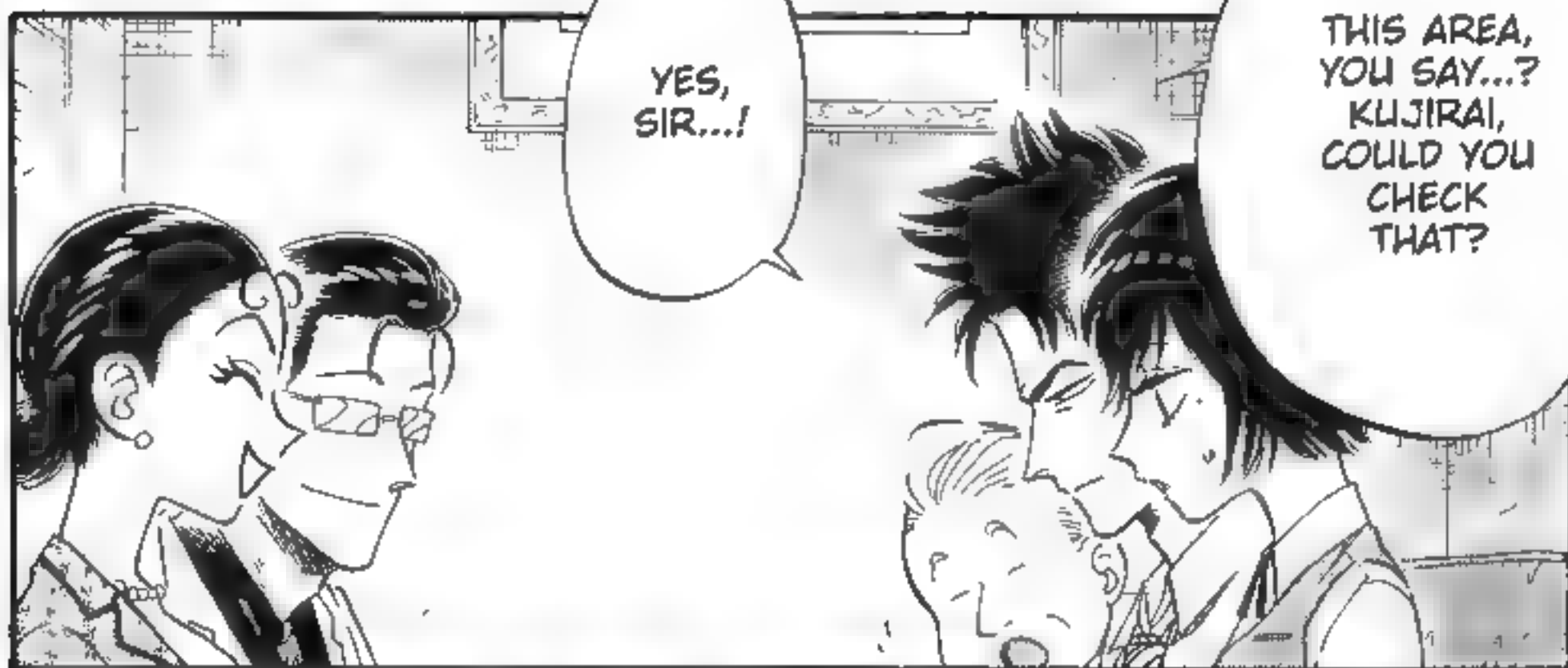
DOES YOUR
COMPANY
HAVE ANY
PROPERTIES
...



IF THERE'S
EVER
ANYTHING
ELSE YOU
NEED,
PLEASE
ALLOW US
TO ASSIST
YOU!!

MY
GOODNESS!
DR. HEBINUMA,
WHAT AN
HONOR TO
HAVE YOU
VISIT IN
PERSON!

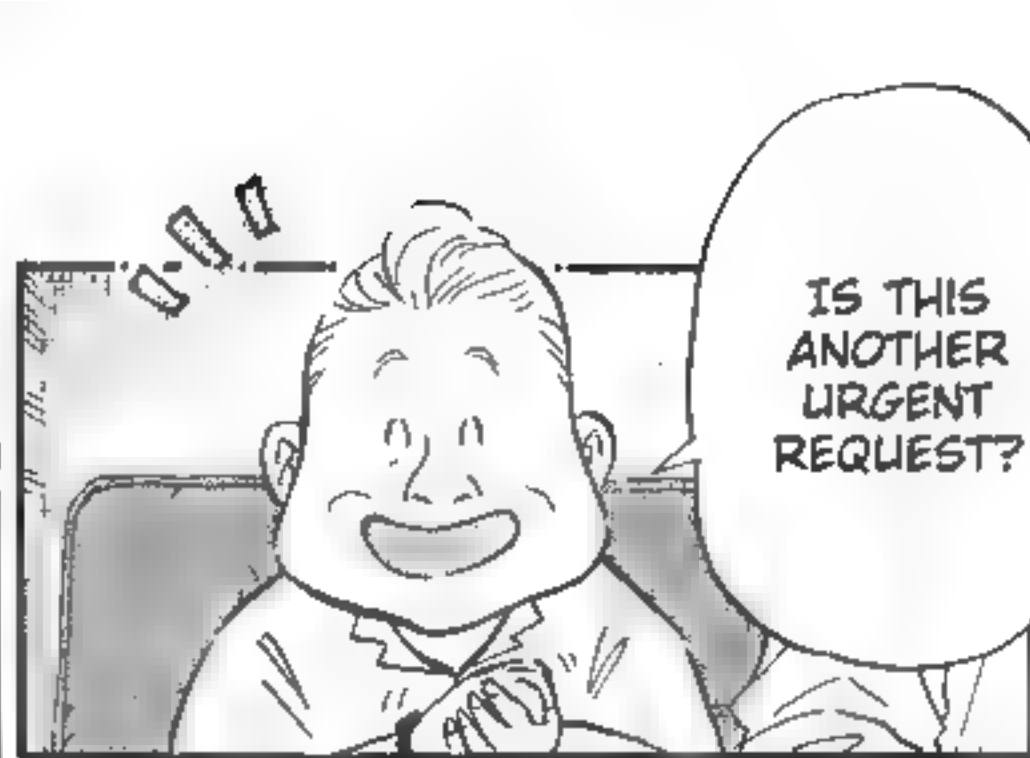
AH YES,
THAT'S
THE
THING.



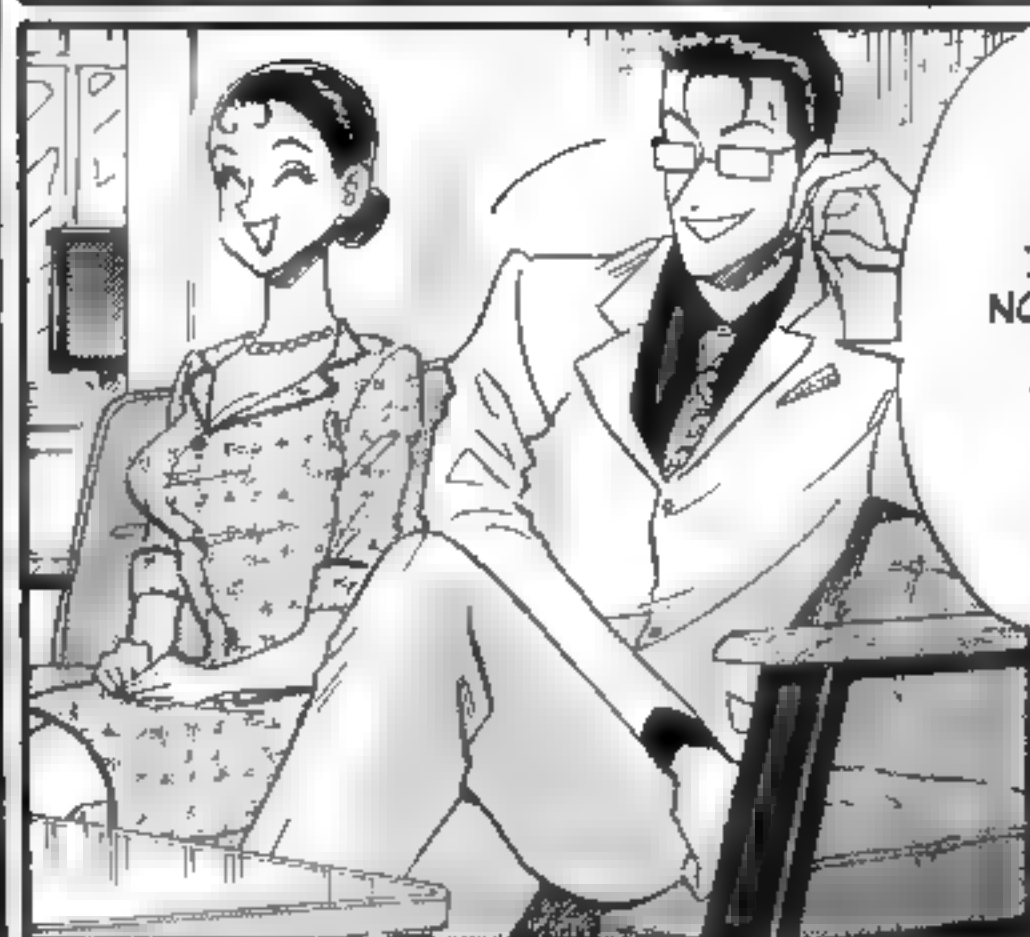


YOU
SEE...

ちら
り
GLANCE



IS THIS
ANOTHER
URGENT
REQUEST?



NO,
I'M IN
NO RUSH
THIS
TIME.



...I'VE
ALREADY
FOUND
WHAT I WAS
LOOKING
FOR.

YOU'VE
BEEN
LEERIN'
AT HER.

YOU WANT
SOMETHIN'
FROM MY
COLLEAGUE?

KUDOU...

HOPE

EH?

THE
MORE I
LOOK AT
HER, THE
MORE
MARVELOUS
SHE IS.

BULGE

I'M
AFRAID I
CAN'T HELP
MYSELF.

AH, DO
FORGIVE
ME.

G
R
R
R

CHK
F



THIS IS AN
ANTIBACTERIAL
SPRAY (A NEW
HEBINUMA
PHARMACEUTICALS
PRODUCT!). THE
DIRECTOR IS A
STICKLER FOR
CLEANLINESS.
♡

!?
MY EYES!!
MY
EYESSS!!!

KU-
DOW!



SIGN BRING IN WEALTH AND TREASURE



ARE
YOU
OKAY?

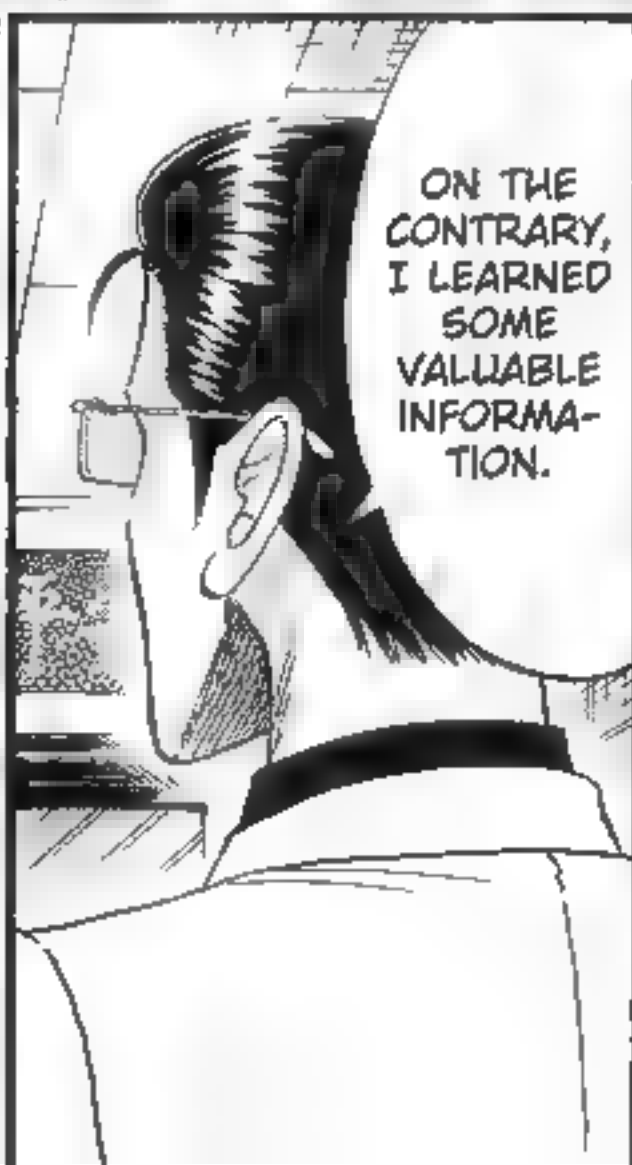
S-SO
SORRY WE
COULDN'T
BE MORE
HELP...



WELL THEN,
WE SHOULDN'T
KEEP THESE FINE
FOLKS FROM
THEIR WORK ANY
LONGER. LET'S
BE ON OUR WAY,
SHALL WE?

YES,
SIR.
♡

KINK
//
//
//



ON THE
CONTRARY,
I LEARNED
SOME
VALUABLE
INFORMA-
TION.

IT SEEMS
THAT MISS
REIKO KUJIRAI
IS A VERY
IMPORTANT
PERSON TO
THIS MAN.

SCHEDULE

RES

AND IT
APPEARS
MISS REIKO
KUJIRAI FEELS
THE SAME
WAY.

H
U
N
H
!?

SWOOSH

SCHED

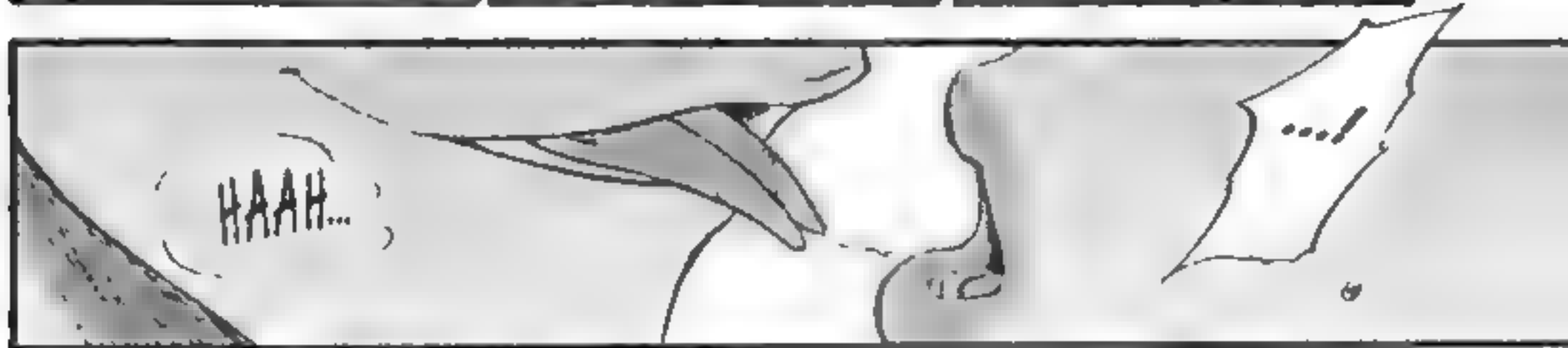
Lee

Kudou

Kujirai

RESTROOM





...WHY
NOT
CHOOSE
ME?

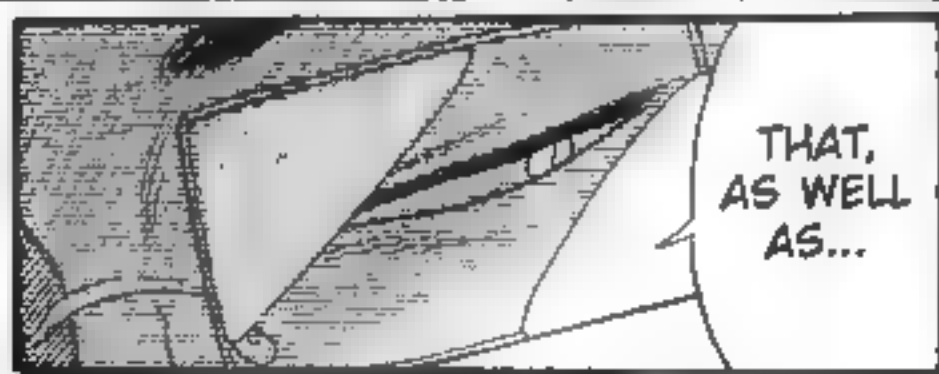
INSTEAD
OF SOME
BRUTE WHO
WON'T EVEN
NOTICE
THE COLOR
OF YOUR
LIPSTICK...



WHEN A SNAKE WANTS SOMETHING, IT WANTS TO SWALLOW IT WHOLE. IT'S IN THEIR NATURE.

YOU'RE NORMALLY SO SQUEAMISH ABOUT GERMS, I'M SURPRISED YOU KISSED HER OUT OF THE BLUE LIKE THAT!

♡



THAT, AS WELL AS...



I'D BE HAPPY TO HAVE YOU ANYTIME.



BUT GRACIOUS, THE AIR HERE IS AWFUL. GIVE ME MY SPARE GLOVES. A MASK TOO.

RIGHT AWAY, SIR.

♡

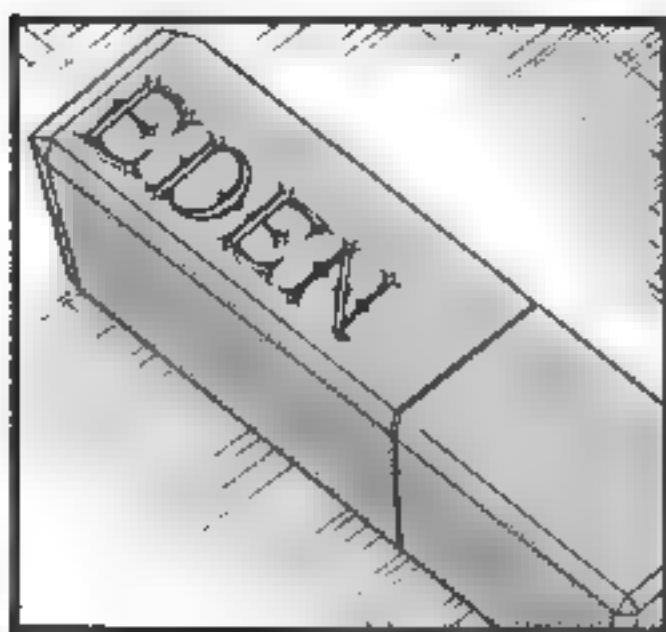


...THE URGE TO TEMPT.



WHAT IN THE HELL...

...IS WRONG WITH THAT GUY/?



TRANSLATION NOTES

Kowloon Walled City in Hong Kong was once the most densely populated place on Earth with about 33,000 people living on 6.5 acres in interconnected high-rise towers. Because the area was originally a Chinese walled fort, it was legally a Chinese presence in British-run Hong Kong and later the subject of jurisdiction disputes, turning it into an unregulated oddity. In our world, it was eventually demolished in 1994 and turned into a public park.

Cantonese Chinese, the most common language in Hong Kong, can be romanized in several different ways—even the real Hong Kong ends up having a mix of different romanization styles. For this translation, many names and other proper nouns follow spellings that are established or commonplace, while others follow the Jyutping style of Cantonese romanization.

CONVERSION

The currency in Kowloon Walled City was the Hong Kong dollar (roughly HKD\$8 to \$1 USD). The Hong Kong foot is slightly longer than the imperial foot at 1'2.625".

Page 5

As Reiko mentions, the *faat* in *faat coi* ("**to get rich**" in Cantonese) resembles *baat* ("**eight**"). Chinese culture is rife with superstitions about certain words being considered auspicious (or the opposite) based on how similar they sound to words such as "life" and "death."

Page 6

In Japanese mahjong, *tsumo* is a call to declare a win on a self-drawn tile.

In Cantonese, the character on the green dragon tile in mahjong is the *faat* in *faat coi*. This tile is referred to as *faat coi* or *faat* in Cantonese (and is known as *hatsu* in Japanese). As Reiko points out, the *faat* character is also the one used to write Hajime's given name.

Page 7

Tintin Eatery means "Everyday Eatery" in Standard Written Chinese, and is written with the character for "sky." This differs from spoken Cantonese, where the character used is for "sun."

The **roast pork** here is a specific kind known as *char siu*. While there are many types of roasted pork in Chinese cuisine, this translation reflects how *char siu* is typically listed on English-language menus.

Century egg, known as *pei daan* in Cantonese, is a type of preserved duck egg. The result is something resembling a hard-boiled egg with an amber-colored "egg white" and a gray yolk. Century eggs are typically considered an acquired taste for those unfamiliar with them.

Page 8

Sai On Tower means "West Peace and Safety Tower."

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Shueisha, the Japanese publisher of *Kowloon Generic Romance*, also publishes various magazines under the name **Jump**, notably *Weekly Shonen Jump*. *Kowloon Generic Romance* runs in *Young Jump*.

Page 66

Old Man Hiyo's name likely comes from *hiyoko*, the Japanese word for chicks.

Page 69

Instead of saying "**Mr. Kudou**" in this scene, the original Japanese has Reiko speaking with a formal verb conjugation. The Reiko seen in the beginning of Volume 2 speaks to him in an informal manner.

Page 78–79

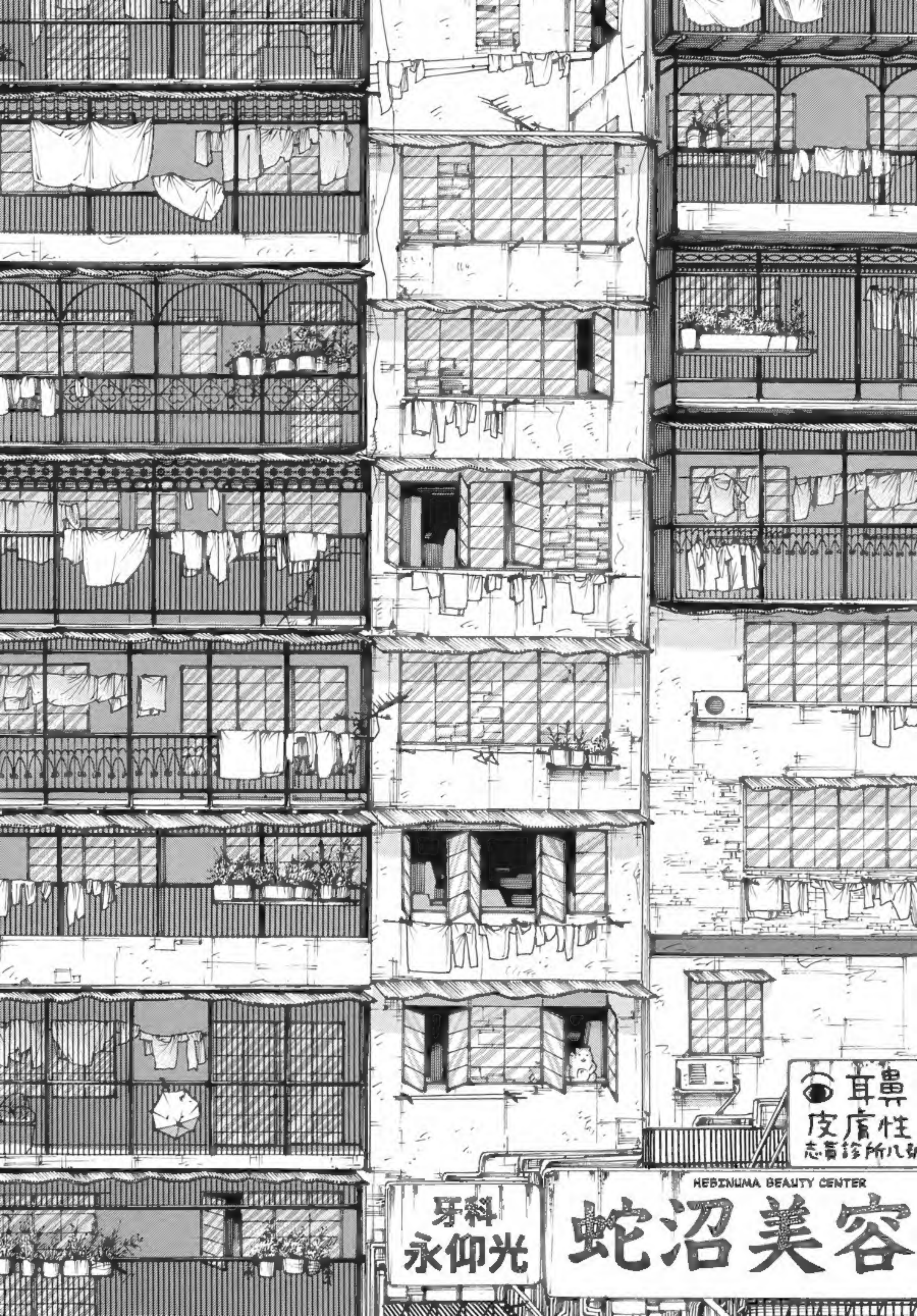
In Japanese, Hajime quotes the idiom "Will an ogre come out or a snake?" ("*Oni ga deru ka ja ga deru ka?*") The **saying** refers to a situation in which there's no telling what might happen—but it will probably be nothing good. The *hebi* in Hebinuma means "snake," adding to the word play.

Page 82

Dung On Tower means "East Peace and Safety Tower."

Page 88

Barium is a contrast agent used to make areas of the digestive system show up more clearly on X-rays.

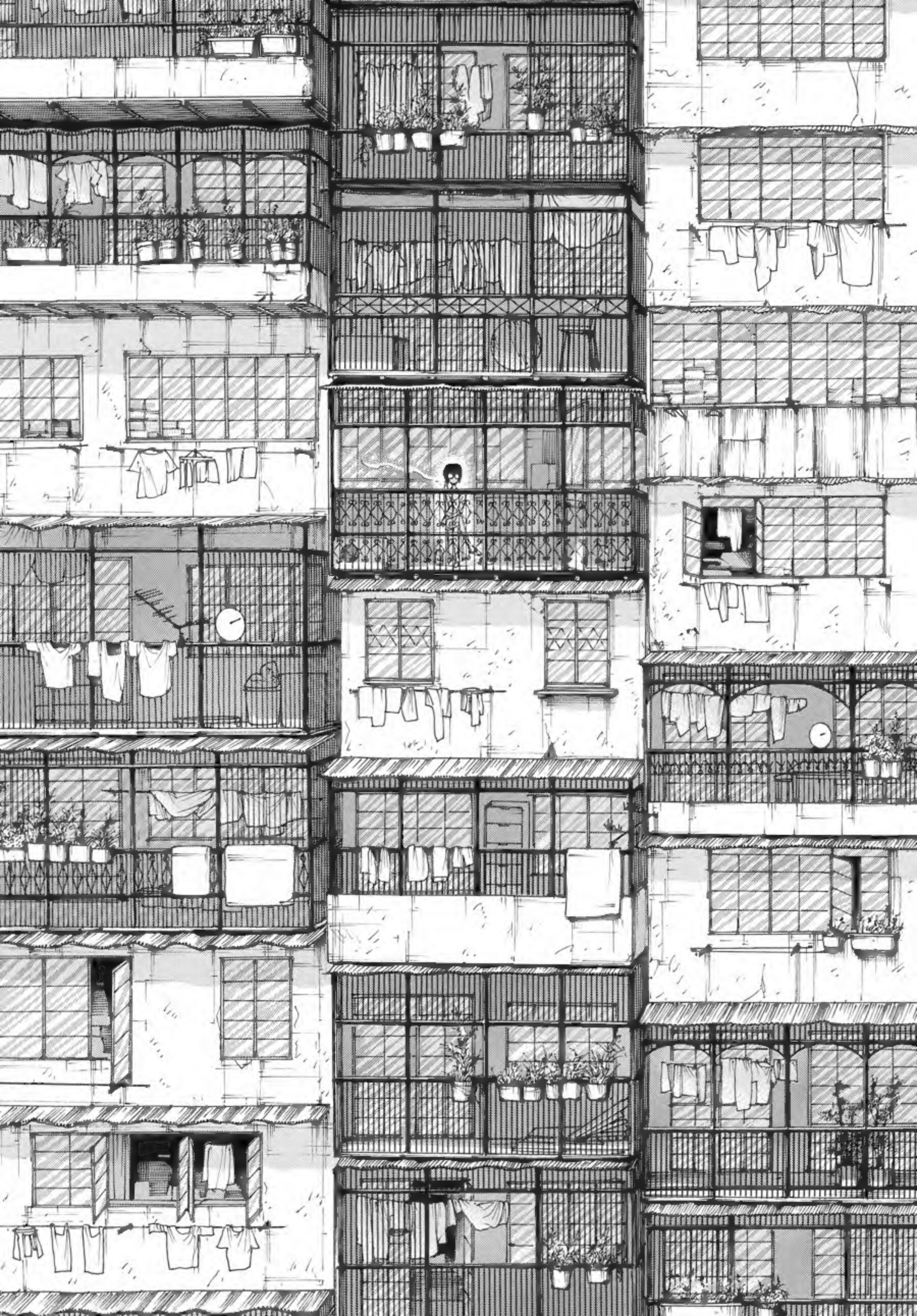


牙科
永仰光

蛇沼美容

耳鼻
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HEBINUMA BEAUTY CENTER



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JUN
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